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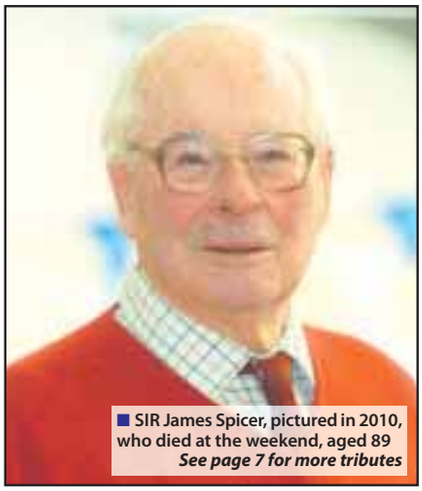
'A fighter from first to last'

WEST DORSET MOURNS DEATH OF LONG SERVING FORMER MP SIR JAMES SPICER

HEARTFELT tributes have been paid to one of West Dorset's most admired local champions, Sir James Spicer, "a fighter from first to last", who died at the weekend aged 89.

by Jack Dixon

The long-serving West Dorset MP, who lived at Higher Meerhay Farm in Beaminster for many years, died peacefully at his home on Saturday (March 21st), with his daughters and grandchildren at his side.



SIR James Spicer, pictured in 2010, who died at the weekend, aged 89 *See page 7 for more tributes*

Sir James was remembered as a determined and forceful politician, as well as a passionate defender of his community, as the news of his death broke earlier this week.

During an extraordinary life, he excelled in the armed forces and the world of sport, alongside an impressive parliamentary record.

A tireless charity campaigner along with his late wife Winifred, Sir James also dedicated many years to supporting the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust and was instrumental in maintaining Beaminster's community swimming pool.

"Jim was a fighter from first to last – in the army, in agriculture, in Parliament," said current West Dorset MP Oliver Letwin.

"Put those two together, and you had the most pugnacious defender of our part of the world that you could possibly have hoped for.

"What's more, he was a lovable, generous-spirited English gent."

Conservative MP for West Dorset for almost a quarter of a century (1974-1997), Sir James entered politics after an illustrious military career.

Born in London in 1925, he was too young to serve when the Second World War broke out, but lied about his age to enlist in the armed forces.

Following two decades of accomplished military service, during which time he became a platoon commander and a major in the 1st Battalion parachute regiment, he set out on a long political career.

Elected for his home constituency of West Dorset in 1974, he held the seat for 23 years, also serving as an MEP and fighting on many fronts, with a keen interest in defence, foreign affairs and agriculture.

A staunched party loyalist, Sir James was one of Margaret Thatcher's most prolific supporters, despite missing out on a ministerial position during her time in office.

He also served as vice-chairman of the Conservative Party and was knighted for his efforts in 1988, before he finally retired from the House of Commons in 1997.

"He always did things for Beaminster and was very much 'all for' the town," said town council chairman Gilbert Berry, following the news of Sir James' death.

"He was always around and about trying to improve things – he was obviously very well-respected locally.

"He was held in very high esteem in Beaminster and contributed a lot to the town in many different ways."

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FORMER teacher Sophy Willmott set up Education & Employment Mentoring Services South West at the beginning of 2014, providing a professional student mentoring service to individuals experiencing barriers towards their learning and engagement ,which includes behavioural problems, mental health illness and special educational needs.

The business is based in East Devon but Sophy hopes to expand further into West Dorset over the coming year.

She is originally from Taunton and spent the first half of her childhood living in Somerset before her family moved to Devon. Apart from going to university, she has always lived in the South West and and currently resides in Axminster.

● WHY did you set up EEMS South West?

I am passionate to help young people find a direction and purpose within their lives and student mentoring provides this. I set up Education & Employment Mentoring Services at the beginning of 2014 and wanted to create a service which supports individuals who face barriers to their learning and are at risk of becoming a NEET (not in education, employment or training) learner.

● WHAT did you do before this?

I worked as a secondary teacher for five years eventually leading as a head of subject. I then took the opportunity to work within the further education sector and gain further experience working with NEET learners and as a student mentor across East Devon.

● WHAT services does EEMS South West offer?

Student mentoring provides individuals with an opportunity to resolve the barriers they are currently experiencing towards their education. This is achieved by discussion, guidance and target setting, working with the individual to find a purposeful career pathway. Student mentoring also reaches those in secondary schools who need guidance, planning and tuition for their gcse exams.

● WHAT do you enjoy about the job?

I thoroughly enjoy working with and helping young people. It is extremely rewarding watching individuals utilise their full potential and realise their abilities.

● DO you hope to expand the business in the future?

Yes definitely, I would like many more students to have access to mentoring because it is so effective and the results can be life changing for many young people. Currently the service is accessed via secondary schools, care services and on a private basis and continues to attract different services, which is fantastic.

● WHAT are your personal interests?

I train weekly at a local swim club and spend any free time I have cycling and running with friends. I am aiming to complete a triathlon at some point this year, so excited about that.

● WHAT do you like about the local area?

I cannot imagine not living by the coastline especially in the summer time, as I spend a lot of time sea swimming. I also enjoy having access to local markets and produce, as I am always looking to eat and live as healthily as I can.

● WHAT do you think it's missing?

I would very much like the youth service system to continue for young people locally. I think this is such a valuable service and further activity based services would enhance development for young people across the area.

For further information about Education & Employment Mentoring Services South West, visit the website www.eemssouthwest.co.uk

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No privatisation 'agenda' in healthcare review

HEALTH bosses have insisted that the NHS in Dorset is not being sold off, following concerns raised by a Bridport councillor that its current review amounts to "privatisation by the back door."

A senior representative from the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group, which is expected to announce plans for sweeping changes across the county later this year, said there had been "no mention" of a privatisation "agenda."

The CCG's chief officer Tim Goodson and local GP Dr Blair Miller were quizzed by councillors at a meeting last week, where fears for the future of the town's health service were raised.

And they both firmly denied that the process had been designed to "test the market", after Councillor Dave Rickard voiced his concerns.

"There is some considerable doubt as to the background of this process," said Councillor Rickard.

"How much of it is going to be allowing large companies to come in and take sections of work on an item-by-item basis?"

He added: "We are very concerned that this is privatisation by the back door."

Responding to the comments, Mr Goodson said: "This is very much the CCG's review. We have gone out of our way to do this and it is something that has built up from conversations we have been having with other NHS providers in Dorset.

"The companies helping us have got a very strong background in what they do … and there has been no mention or pre-conceived idea around this, saying that this is really some kind of privatisation agenda. It has not been discussed in that way.

"I cannot give 100 per cent assurance on all the areas because there is a private sector in the NHS and we have some good services with the private sector in Dorset.

"I would not want to give the impression it is ruled out, but it is certainly not a pre-conceived idea from the outset that this is a privatisation by the back door in any way."

The CCG, which is responsible for planning healthcare provision across the county, is currently reviewing a range of services and is expected to reveal firm proposals in the summer.

Councillors have already warned that hospital beds in Bridport could be withdrawn and that one of Dorset's major hospitals could close altogether.

Speaking at last week's meeting, Dr Miller said the healthcare model in Bridport was being used to develop ways of working across the county.

"The sort of care model we have here seems to be exactly what woks well, which is that we have got a very strong community team – a combination of GPs and district nurses – and the hospital offering community services", he said.

"They all work really well together as a team. Bridport is an example of how things do work."

He added: "We have exactly the same feelings as members of the public about privatisation – it's not something that we are keen on inviting. We have seen it working well in some cases and badly in others.

"We are against the NHS being taken over by large multinationals, but in order to provide a service there has to be some kind of structure which is different from what it is now – and that might mean having a private company."

Further information about the CCG's review is available online at www.dorsetvision.nhs.uk

A formal public consultation is planned for this summer.

Police appeal after cash is left in ATM

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A talk, sponsored by West Dorset Friends of the Earth, *pictured,* was given by Charles Miller who has 25 years experience of working in the oil industry.

Following a brief outline of the energy crisis, he explained the problems with fracking with a visual presentation.

He then went on to explain how renewable solutions are being adopted by other countries, including Germany.

There was a great deal of interest from the audience and numerous questions were asked resulting in further lively discussions.

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Colfox students grill local parliamentary candidates

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Five candidates for West Dorset, including Peter Barton for the Green Party, Ros Kayes for the Liberal Democrats, Rachel Rogers for Labour, David Glossop for UKIP and Rebecca Knox for the Conservatives, representing Oliver Letwin MP who was in Parliament, attended a hustings event at the school.

For many sixth form students, this will be the first year they can vote and there was considerable interest in the event with questions written and asked by students.

Issues raised ranged from tuition fees, how to increase participation of young people in the political system and whether the politicians disagreed with any of the party's policies.

Sixth Form student Grace Crabtree said: "Pinning the politicians down to the specifics of the issue proved difficult as each politician discussed the issue in the question at considerable length.

"There was therefore some frustration in the audience as only four of the questions were answered in the 45 minute session.

"Nevertheless, students were pleased overall to have been able to put faces to the names which will soon be adorning posters.

"Seeing local politics in action is not always widely available to young people or, at least, is not always seen as applicable to those who will not be able to vote for several years.

"The turn-out to this hustings has shown that as young people, we do take an interest in politics and are keen to take up such an opportunity to have our voices heard at the highest local level."

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Motorwell Mitsubishi and AP Chant are promoting the usage of electric cars, in line with AP Chant's eco-friendly ethos at The CORE, their Centre of Renewable Energy at Gore Cross Business Park.

Lucy Chant of AP Chant said: "We have the use of Motorwell's new Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV – Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle – on loan to help create a low cost and eco-friendly way of commuting for our business.

"Here at The CORE we have an electric vehicle (EV) charging point for your electric vehicles, which is a solar charged system, meaning very little or no electricity will be used from the grid if you are charging during the day.

"This service is free to AP Chant customers who are welcome to browse the showroom while the car is charging.

"We can also install electric charging points within your own home, as an improved installer, and there are grants currently available for 75 per cent of the costs of the charging point and installation dependant on eligibility."

The team at The CORE intend to hold an electric vehicle open morning in May with Motorwell Mitsubishi in which visitors can test drive the Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV, ask any questions about driving an electric vehicle and enjoy free breakfast of bacon baguettes. To book a test drive and free breakfast email info@apchant.com

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For more information on the Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV, contact Motorwell Mitsubishi and Fiat on 01308 422468.

■ LINDEN Holmes of Motorwell Mitsubishi and Fiat with Lucy Chant of AP Chant at The CORE's electric vehicle charging point at their offices at Gore Cross Business Park

Green fingered volunteers wanted

DORSET Wildlife Trust (DWT) is looking for volunteers to take part in a mass planting of wild flowers in Bridport.

It is part of a plan to recreate the colour and diversity of the county's Coronation Meadow at Lady's Mead, which is part of Kingcombe Nature Reserve.

Volunteers have grown wild flower plugs from seed harvested from Lady's Mead and these are now ready to transplant to Asker Meadows in Bridport.

Nick Gray, DWT conservation officer leading the Dorset Coronation Meadows project, said: "Kingcombe Meadows is a glorious place brimming with a huge diversity of wild flowers and the insects that feast on their pollen and nectar.

"Walking through Lady's Mead in the summer, you can hear grasshoppers jumping between the tell-tale seed pods of yellow rattle and see the many butterflies attracted by the irresistible flowers of knapweed and oxeye daisy.

"Bridport Town Council's Asker Meadows Nature Reserve, with its excellent access, sympathetic management and grazing livestock is the ideal receptor site to create a buzzing and thriving meadow."

The planting is taking place on Thursday, March 26th and Saturday, April 4th at the Asker Meadows Nature Reserve.

For location details and further information, contact Nick Gray on 07824 438974 or email ngray@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk

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What difference would a committee make?

■ I WOULD like to respond to Town Councillor Rickard's letter in the March 18th edition of the *View from Bridport*.

My intention was to show that no matter how much energy was expended in order to change the system employed at WDDC to a process that is favoured by him, it is most unlikely that any decisions would have changed.

The only thing that would change is an increase in the cost to WDDC Council Tax payers; WDDC is not a shambles, it is efficient and has provided low Council Tax levels as a result.

The reality is that the largest political group at WDDC (Conservative) will have every opportunity to exercise their ability to make majority decisions.

This, of course, is exactly the same situation that you have at Bridport Town Council, where the majority party – Liberal Democrat (Councillor Rickard's party) - has an overwhelming majority and total control.

I went on to mention 'democracy' in Europe because what we have at this time is far from democratic.

I agree that both Labour and Conservative Governments since 1975 have taken us ever deeper into an integrated, politically united Europe – all without the people of this country being consulted.

Diverting attention away from Europe to a local 'democracy' debate does us no favours and fails to address a fundamental problem, we must consider the bigger picture.

A decision on Europe – whatever the outcome – will have a far greater and more comprehensive effect on us and the coming generations than any local government process.

At last, Conservatives have understood public opinion and will give us a referendum – but, as I said – if you want more Europe, more immigration, more regulation and no opportunity to decide for yourself – vote Labour or Liberal Democrat on May 7th.

CLLR KEITH DAY,
West Dorset District Councillor
(Bridport North Ward)

Not hiding in the shadows

■ I WOULD like to respond to the allegation of Councillor Rickard in the Letters column of your March 18th edition but, before doing so, I would thank him for his apology!

However, I resent and object to Councillor Rickard's assertion that, by sitting in the balcony of The Electric Cinema during the recent debate on local democracy, I was "hiding in the shadows" and inferring I was ducking the issue of local democracy at West Dorset District Council.

On the contrary, I have already, through the columns of the *View* on at least two occasions, made my views abundantly clear on local democracy at West Dorset District Council, favouring, for the reasons stated, a committee style chamber to that of the present cabinet system whereby policy decision making is left in the hands of a few of its members.

I think the people of Bridport and the adjoining parishes know me well enough that, whilst accepting they do not necessarily always agree with my views, I am not someone to shy away from controversial issues!

It is all too clear that, with election time upon us, party politics and nastiness are creeping in, which is a great shame! I rest my case.

CLLR DAVID TETT,
Bridport Town and District
Independent Councillor

So much for no more harbour dredging

■ MORE monies being spent at West Bay yet again because our local and district councillors were once more hoodwinked into a scheme which should have been looked into in much more depth.

I am of course relating to the facts that we the general public and rate payers were told when the new harbour was constructed that it would never need dredging because it was all designed in a tank somewhere in Bedfordshire where they (whoever they may be) are experts at coastal matters.

Well here we are again DREDGING that selfsame area once more.

What with replenishing the West beach again one can only wonder what all this is costing – and the new waste transfer site is not even up and running but well over budget.

Lord help us if these individuals are allowed to govern us much longer.

Footnote: Think about the way you vote at the forthcoming council elections

JOHN MOREY,
Bridport

Offer to graffiti artist

■ MAY I through the columns of your newspaper congratulate the talented graffiti artist in doing a splendid job on defacing our football club signs.

It is very obvious that we have a very frustrated individual who is dying to show of his talent to the general public of Bridport.

If this hapless individual would like to meet me I would willingly supply to him the necessary equipment, i.e. paints , brushes, CLEAN BOARDS plus tuition, so that he can get his "CHEs" right.

I would then ask him to demonstrate his undoubted talent to the general public on clean boards and not on our football boards.

I am available at the football ground all I ask is for him to come down to meet me and I would willingly arrange the tuition .

ROGER LEWIS,
Bridport Football Club

The views expressed in these letters are those of the writer and not necessarily of this newspaper

Smell will put visitors off

■ HAVING visited West Bay for the first time in many years I was surprised at the futuristic apartment block on the harbourside but I suppose that's progress

The overwhelming and unwelcome surprise was the smell of burnt cooking oil, which we were unable to escape from, and also the exorbitant car parking charges – even Yeovil only charge 60p per hour.

I like the small kiosks around the harbour and understand they must struggle to make a living but without a doubt the smell will put tourists off; we left after 90 minutes.

Sorry to be a bit negative but I picked up a copy of the *View From Bridport* newspaper and saw your headline about West Bay in need of improvement and felt the need to respond.

Please don't misunderstand my comments about West Bay – I think it still holds its unique charm and I am sure the *Broadchurch* programme will encourage plenty of visitors.

In fact it was really busy when we visited but, as I said, the smell of burnt cooking oil was very apparent in the harbour.

I enjoyed your paper.

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Spring food fair this weekend

■ THE Washingpool Farm Spring Food Fair is back this weekend, bringing an array of local produce for visitors to taste

THE annual Washingpool Farm Spring Food Fair is back in Bridport this weekend, promising a very enjoyable family day out.

Visitors will have the opportunity to browse 25 stalls of producers showcasing their favourite products, visit animals on the farm, enjoy a barbecue on the terrace – weather permitting – and take part in a children's treasure trail.

Karl Regler, of From Dorset With Love, producers of home-made jams, preserves and chutneys, said: "We are delighted to be at the Spring Fair.

"It is our first one for Washingpool so we are looking forward to bringing a wider selection of our range which is not currently available at the shop.

"Our Dorsetshire Sauce goes down a storm at Washingpool so we have agreed to see how other products go. Hopefully our recent win at the Dorset Food, Drink and Farming awards will give us extra kudos."

Washingpool Farm prides itself on working with local suppliers wherever possible and stocks their farm shop with their own produce and these artisan brands.

The fair has grown in popularity year on year since 2011 and this year will be no exception with 25 producers currently confirmed.

Vicky Morland, of Liberty Fields, said: "We are really pleased to be at the Washingpool Spring Fair this year with tastings of Liberty Fields Apple Aperitif and Apple Balsamic Vinegar.

"Washingpool Farm is one of the best supporters of local artisan produce in Dorset, always keen to try something new, and we are delighted to be able to support them in return."

Washingpool Farm Spring Food Fair takes place on Sunday March 29th from 10am to 3pm and is free to all.

Washingpool Farm is situated on the B3162 leaving Bridport towards Salway Ash.

Plans to improve West Bay play area underway

PLANS to further develop the West Bay play area to include disabled equipment have gathered momentum and are well underway with new ideas and funding.

The steering group have devised a long wish list, which includes almost everything from consultations with children, young people and adults from Mountjoy School, The Sir John Colfox School, the Fisherman's Arms Day Centre and the Children's Centre.

These include an accessible climbing frame with ramps for wheelchairs, a trampoline with sloping sides, a roundabout and swing for wheelchair users and seating areas suitable for all.

Arthur Woodgate, chair of the Bridport Young Persons Action Trust, said: "The intention was always that the play area would be fully inclusive and accessible to everyone.

"Town surveyor Daryl Chambers has recorded visits of local authority representatives from various parts of Britain seeking inspiration for similar developments in their own areas.

"It has to date not been able to provide equality of access to those suffering from a disability.

"While there is plenty to attract them, there is little or nothing that they can safely use – now we are doing something about it."

The group have been working closely with Bridport Town Council and have received the support of Bridport Mayor, Councillor Maggie Ray.

She said: "Bridport Town Council's policy is to encourage access for all. We are delighted that we can now take up the challenge to provide play opportunities for people with disabilities and the council is fully backing this exciting project with a pledge of £5,000 in funding this year."

Consultation with those most likely to benefit from the development – which will almost double the size of the play area – has been vital to the planning process.

A spokesperson from the Fisherman's Arms Day Centre said: "Our thoughts on the extended area have been listened to and are included in the proposed plans, which the group is very excited about.

"This will now enable our less able friends of all ages and abilities to enjoy free outside play along with everyone else.

"This can only be a positive move to our local community and those visiting."

Tess Hawley, a member of the steering group, feels that the extension of new equipment will really benefit those who cannot use the play area.

She said: "My 17-year-old son Stuart does not want to sit in his wheelchair and watch other children having fun, nor does he want to be, or should be, segregated.

"The wonderful new plans allow for access and integration – two key words for anyone dealing with the physically disabled, old or young."

The task of raising sufficient funding to make the ideas a reality is now underway and a public consultation will be held at the West Bay play area over the Easter period.

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Community pays respects to 'English gent'

by Jack Dixon
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TRIBUTES are continuing to pour in following the death of Sir James Spicer, with kind words contributed from across the community.

West Dorset's MP of 23 years died peacefully on Saturday, but the loss of one of the region's political heavyweights has already had a big impact.

Fred Horsington, chairman of the West Dorset Conservative Association, sent his heartfelt condolences to Sir James's family on behalf of the organisation's members.

"Jim served his country as a soldier, an MP and an MEP, and that contribution was recognised with a knighthood," he said.

"However, in West Dorset there are many who knew Jim and will remember what a considerable figure he was in the life of our community for so long.

"He was a dedicated and dynamic constituency MP and, along with his late wife 'Winfy', a tireless supporter of local organisations and causes".

Alongside his successful political career, Sir James was remembered as an accomplished military man and a prolific charity fundraiser.

Inspired to serve from a young age, he contributed to the war effort as a boy by filling sandbags and acting as an air raid messenger, before lying about his age to enlist in the forces.

By the end of the war, Sir James had become a platoon commander in the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

He served in Germany and Kenya after the war, rising to the rank of major in the 1st Battalion of the Parachute Regiment, and playing a part in the failed British attack on the Suez Canal in 1956.

Sir James turned his attention to causes closer to home during the Sixties and Seventies, after marrying his beloved wife Winifred in 1954.

The couple settled at Higher Meerhay Farm in Beaminster, where Sir James quickly became a strong voice in the community.

After his election as MP in 1974, he enjoyed a colourful parliamentary career, during which time he became a loyal supporter of the 'Iron Lady.'

Firmly opposed to defence cuts and an advocate of capital punishment, Sir James earned a reputation for speaking his mind.

His successor as West Dorset MP, Oliver Letwin, said: "Jim was a fighter from first to last – in the army, in agriculture, in Parliament. And he loved West Dorset with a fierce, abiding passion.

"Put those two together and you had the most pugnacious defender of our part of the world that you could possibly have hoped for.

"What's more, he was a lovable, generous-spirited English gent."

Awarded a knighthood in 1988, Sir James spent his later years supporting a number of charity initiatives close to his heart.

With the support of former colleagues from the Paratroop Regiment, he founded the Airborne Initiative – a programme designed to help rehabilitate young offenders.

And as chairman of 'Fitness for Industry', he channelled his passion for sport towards healthy living projects for businesses.

At the age of 70, he swam across the River Thames to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and Water Aid, before famously insisting he had "no time for hospital" when medics subsequently advised him to check in for treatment.

A long-term supporter of the Beaminster community swimming pool, Sir James' charitable work was perhaps most visible through the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

The trust's chairman Stephen Baynard, speaking on behalf of staff and volunteers, said: "The death of Sir James Spicer is a time for sorrow and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

"It is also a time when we reflect with enormous gratitude on his great contribution, alongside his wonderful wife Lady Winifred, who was the founder chairman of our 'Friends' group.

"The two of them were familiar figures at Weldmar events, lending their support and encouraging others to do the same.

"The people of Dorset have a great deal to be thankful to Sir James for."

Beaminster town councillors held a minute's silence in memory of Sir James at their meeting on Monday evening.

■ SIR James Spicer was a tireless charity fundraiser, supporting Beaminster's community swimming pool over many years

And Conservative county councillor Rebecca Knox remembered a "great supporter of the rural area."

She added: "I was asked what his legacy might be – there are so many, including great causes for local charities which he and Winfy supported.

"Jim knew how important being an elected member for a local community was for everyone, no matter what age.

"He was brilliant at getting young people talking and acting on issues, and getting involved to make a difference.

"I was very fortunate to have known him all my life – he never told me what I should do, he asked me what I thought. And I saw him ask that of so many other young people, politics aside."

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Easter fun in Bridport

Waitrose welcomes eggsplorers

STAFF at Waitrose in Bridport are offering all their customers the chance to take part in a free Easter egg hunt in store.

They are inviting people to come to the branch between March 25th and March 31st for the supermarket's first ever Easter egg hunt.

Branch manager Simon Spooner said: "We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone into branch for what promises to be an 'eggs-cellent' event with lots of Easter cheer."

Shoppers should collect a leaflet from the branch's welcome desk, before setting off with their little ones in search of clues hidden all over the shop.

Every hunter who returns a completed entry form will receive an Easter treat, with five special winners bagging some goodies in the grand prize draw.

The hunt is open to all and is free to enter.

by Lottie Welch
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FAMILIES across Bridport got into the Easter spirit last weekend as they searched for clues to win chocolate eggs.

Easter egg hunts were the order of the day on Saturday (March 21st) as numerous events took place across the town.

Leaders at Bradpole Pre-school held their annual hunt, which included a treasure trail around the village, finding clues and solving anagrams before everyone was invited to claim their prize.

And the Friends of Bridport Primary School tasked families to find coloured golf tees around the school field before being awarded an Easter treat.

They also hid a small number of golden tees that some children were lucky enough to find and were awarded a bigger treat.

Jackie Horniblow, chairman of the Friends, said: "We do it every year to raise funds for the school. It is nice to celebrate Easter, it is a lot of fun for the children and they love to get out to hunt for the coloured tees."

Bridport Mayor, Councillor Maggie Ray, also joined in and was tasked with judging entries into the school's Easter hats and decorated eggs competitions.

She said: "It is my favourite engagement of all, judging the wonderful creations.

"It is obvious that a lot of hard work went in to them and we are so lucky to have such talented children.

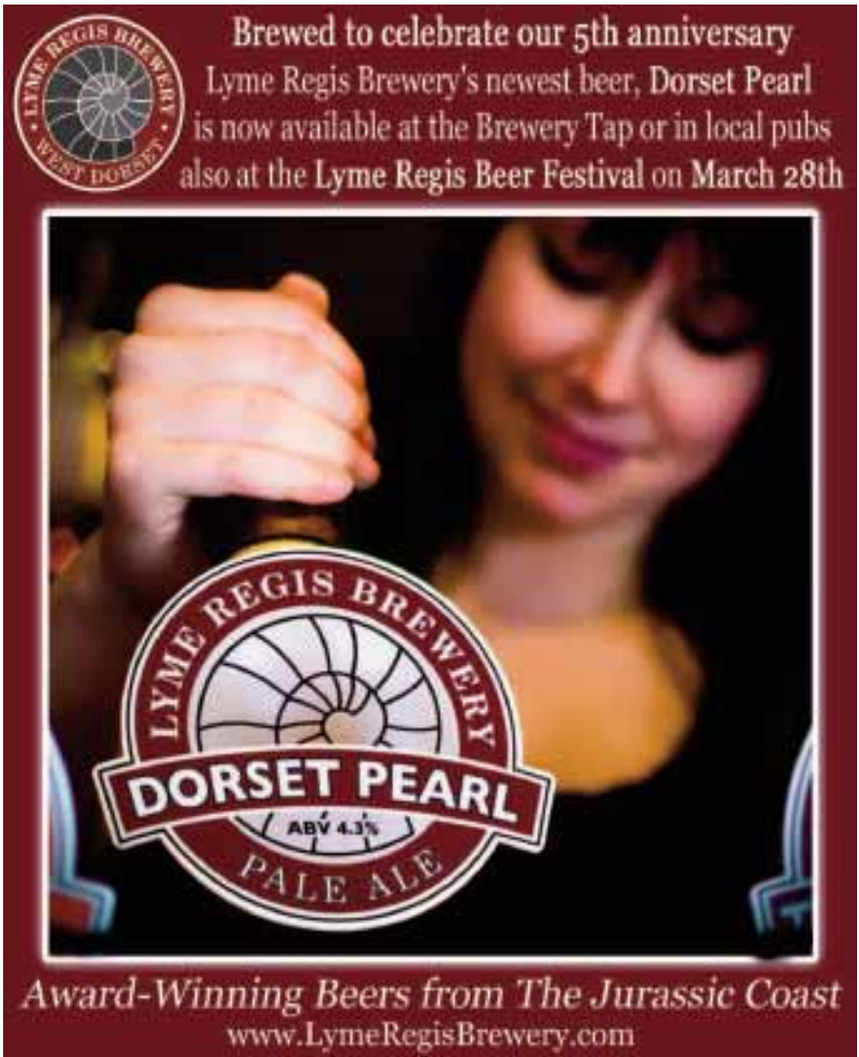
"There were very high entries this year and it was really hard to chose a winner.

"It is the highlight of my year and I greatly value the links with all our local schools; it is our future after all."

■ CHILDREN from Bradpole Pre-school (left to right) Scarlett, Alyssa and Phoebe look for clues around the village

■ THE Mayor of Bridport, Councillor Maggie Ray, judging the Easter hat competition at Bridport Primary School

■ JACOB (back) and William of Bradpole Pre-school



■ LOUIE Smith, who attends Bradpole Pre-school, enjoyed his prize

■ WINNERS of the Key Stage Two egg decorating competition at Bridport Primary School, Mollie and Gracie Spinks, with Bridport Mayor, Councillor Maggie Ray

■ RECEPTION pupil at Bridport Primary School, Maisy Franklin, won the Key Stage One egg decorating competition

Mountfield egg hunt

THE Friends of the Millennium Green in Bridport are holding their annual Easter egg hunt on Sunday, April 5th.

The hunt takes place around the gardens at Mountfield, by the town council offices.

It is free for all children and everyone will receive at least on egg.

Be safe on your motorbike this summer

DORSET Bikesafe officers are encouraging bikers to attend a safety event at West Bay in April or June.

Statistically, more motorbike accidents happen at the start of the season, as riders' skills are rusty and other road users are not aware of motorbikes after the long winter.

And the Bikesafe officers want to prevent accidents by offering riders the chance to attend the course at the start of the biking season, which will involve theory work, emergency first aid for bikers and an assessed ride.

Police Constable Chris Smith, Dorset Bikesafe co-ordinator, said: "Bikesafe is aimed at bikers living in Dorset or riders that use our wonderful biking roads.

"We want to reduce biking collisions and casualties by engaging with bikers.

"It is all about making you a safer and better rider, hopefully reducing the chances of meeting us at a crash scene."

Dorset Bikesafe days are spread across the season and based at The Salt House in West Bay.

They are designed for anybody, no matter how experienced, to come and learn more about their riding and have their riding observed by a fully qualified class one police rider.

PC Smith added: "Dorset Bikesafe's main aim is to 'bridge the gap' between passing your test and advance riding courses supplied by the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) and The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

"It is also a great way to dust off those winter cobwebs and set your biking season off on the right foot."

The course takes place over a weekend and is offered at the price of £25 thanks to continued support of local councils and partners.

Dates for the course at West Bay are April 25th and 26th or June 27th and 28th.

To take part in the Bikesafe course, riders will need a full licence and a bike capable of safely reaching the national speed limit.

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New path from Mountfield to Coneygar opens

by Lottie Welch

WALKERS and cyclists can now enjoy more views over the town as a new path has been officially opened.

The walkway runs from Mountfield to Coneygar Lane and onto the top of Coneygar Hill and although people would take the route in the past, it has been improved for it to be enjoyed by all.

The route was officially opened by Julianna Mallinson on Monday, March 16th who was joined by Bridport Town Councillors, Trustees of Millennium Green, Friends of the Millennium Green, children from Bridport Primary School and campaigners.

Mrs Mallinson is the widow of Justin Mallinson who was the first chairman of the Bridport Millennium Green Trust.

Peter Broomhead, chairman of Bridport Millennium Green Trust, said: "It has always been a great hope for there to be access to events on the green and to the hill, not just here but on the Coneygar side.

"Now it has been achieved, it has been a long road and has not been easy, but now the path is there and I hope it is appreciated.

"It is already achieving what we hoped, it has opened up the green and the hill, providing access for everyone to enjoy.

"I am sure it will be enjoyed by many people over many years."

The path was made possible by grants from the National Lottery Awards for All scheme and the Bridport Area Community Projects Fund and additional woodland on the northern side of the hill from CG Fry and Son who have also sponsored the new information boards.

Bridport town councillor David Tett, who was an original trustee of the Millennium Green, said: "Justin was a very enthusiastic and dedicated chairman and it was his idea to provide an entrance onto Coneygar Hill and the Millennium Green from the north of the town.

"With the kind gesture of Phillip Fry and his company in gifting the land to the town, we have been able to do this and achieve Justin's ambition. I am sure that if he had been alive today, he would have been very pleased and delighted."

■ Julianna Mallinson, the widow of Justin Mallinson, the first chairman of the Millennium Green Trust, officially opened the new path

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Projects welcome funding boost

TWO of Bridport's community projects are to get a boost with funding from the Environment Agency, ***writes LOTTIE WELCH.***

The New Zealand site project, on land behind South Street car park off Church Street, and the Allington Pond project, on the River Brit, upstream from the Gundry Weir, are to receive £4,000 each.

The funding, offered by the Environment Agency to Bridport Town Council, will be used to enhance and improve habitat used by protected species and also manage important wetland areas.

Bridport Town Council are looking to create voluntary groups to carry out work to the two sites to establish them as wildlife managed areas in Bridport.

Town Surveyor Daryl Chambers said: "This is a great example of the town council working together with partner agencies to support local groups in establishing and maintaining areas of the town with specific wildlife interest.

"The New Zealand group is already established and we are hoping to get the Allington Pond group up and running as soon as possible.

"It was well reported last year in the local news as well as the BBC national news on the establishment of a water vole island at Allington Pond by the Environment Agency and the group will look to continue this work."

To be a part of the Allington Pond volunteer group contact Daryl Chambers at d.chambers@bridport-tc.gov.uk or phone 01308 456722.

The sky's the limit for Louise

by Lottie Welch
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FOR one Bridport woman the sky's the limit, as she's all set to take part in a Guinness World Record skydiving attempt.

Louise Goligher of Bridport Glass and Tile Centre is taking part in the largest worldwide tandem skydive in a bid to raise money for Help For Heroes.

The event will include 333 people skydiving from 15,000ft, the highest possible skydive without an oxygen supply, within 24 hours – the record currently sits at 281.

Louise said: "It was on my bucket list to do a tandem skydive and I came across Skydive UK's Guinness World Record attempt, which is the largest skydiving event ever, and I thought to do it for a charity was a good idea.

"My husband was in the army, he is now a veteran, so it is a charity close to our hearts and a good cause. We still have a lot of friends in the army.

"Everyone one says 'Louise you are mad' but I can't wait to do it – I have never done anything like this before."

Louise is hoping to raise £1,000 and she also sold cakes last week for St Patrick's Day, which made £52.50, putting her current total up to just over £310.

To donate to Louise, visit www.justgiving.com/louise-goligher or drop in to Bridport Glass and Tile Centre to pick up a sponsor form.

The skydive takes place on June 20th from Dunkeswell Aerodrome.

■ LOUISE Goligher of Bridport Glass and Tile is taking part in the Guinness World Record tandem skydive event while raising money for Help For Heroes

Chamber welcomes new president

■ MEMBERS of the Bridport Business Chamber executive committee with new president Richard Smith (centre)

MEMBERS of the Bridport Business Chamber held their Annual General Meeting earlier this month, welcoming their new president.

They welcomed a number of local businesses to the meeting who were all keen to have some input on the future of the Chamber.

Richard Smith of OS Telecom was elected as president of the Chamber and Steve Lincoln of P and L Accounts was voted as vice president.

Richard Smith said: "It is a real privilege to be elected for this position and I look forward to helping the Chamber to achieve its goals, as well as develop new goals for the next couple of years.

"I am really excited at what we have achieved in the last two years and I am looking forward to keeping the momentum going."

The Bridport Business Chamber holds monthly networking events, which are open to all to attend.

For more information visit www.bridportbusiness.org.uk

U3A members explore the Jurassic Coast

MEMBERS of the Bridport and District University of the Third Age (U3A) are finding out more about the Jurassic Coast.

The group is planning a fossil hunt in Lyme Regis on April 21st, including a visit to the museum.

They will also be making a trip to Durlston Castle and Country Park near Swanage on May 14th.

For more information on the Lyme Regis trip email John Collins at johncollinsbridportwdorset@LIVE.co.uk and to find out more about the Durlston Castle trip, email Brenda O'Reilly at brendabunty@gmail.com

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Appeal for musical talent

■ TALENTED musicians, singers and performers in Bridport are being urged to take part in this year's MusicAthon in June

CHARITY fundraisers are calling all singers, musicians, choirs and performers to take part in this year's seventh annual Bridport MusicAthon, ***writes LOTTIE WELCH.***

The event is a day for different groups and individuals to perform and raising money for charity through sponsorship.

Jo O'Farrell, one of the Music Athon organisers, said: "Our aim is to raise at least £1,000 – we have raised around £1,500 for the last three years – and it will be shared this time between The Richard Ely Trust for Young Musicians and CLIC Sargent.

"Last year we managed to book all the slots and fill the whole day and we hope we can do as well this year.

"Please contact me if you need any more information and to book a ten minute slot.

"If you are a teacher with several pupils or a choir, group or band leader and wish to book a longer slot, please get in touch."

The Richard Ely Trust for Young Musicians was set up to support young people who wish to pursue an interest in music. They give grants towards expenses of music lessons or activities to those who would not be able to afford them.

CLIC Sargent is the UK's leading cancer charity for children and their families and provides support at home or in hospital.

Sponsor forms are available from Good Books in Gundry Lane or contact Jo O'Farrell at jo@jovian.co.uk or call 01308 427851.

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Mayor 'honoured' to fly the flag

By Jack Dixon
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BRIDPORT Mayor Maggie Ray has heaped praise on hard-working community leaders, after another important year for the town.

Giving her formal address at the annual town meeting last week, Cllr Ray said it had been a "great honour" to serve as first citizen during a challenging period for local government.

And she reserved special praise for Bridport's community groups and organisations, which have helped to display the town "at its best" over the last 12 months.

Addressing the council at the meeting on Tuesday (March 17th), she said: "I would like to say what a great honour it has been to serve as town mayor for the past two years and fly the flag for Bridport throughout the county and beyond.

"It has been a particularly busy year, with the Rifles Freedom March in June and the many events to commemorate the outbreak of the Great War.

"The number and variety of events in Bridport and West Bay grows each year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the very many people who work so hard to arrange events that do so much to promote and highlight all that is best about our town."

Cllr Ray listed a series of popular community events that had shown Bridport in a positive light during the last year, including the Charter Fair, Carnival and Christmas Cheer events.

And she said she hoped to build links between the town council and local schools, with the Bridport Young Persons' Action Trust and the Bridport Young Performers' Scholarship earmarked as her charities for the year.

Concluding her address, she called on members of the community to show their support once again, ahead of another busy year.

She added: "I was pleased to show visiting mayors and dignitaries some of our projects, including the new water sports centre in West Bay and the multi-use games arena at St Mary's. They were all very impressed with the work of the town council and the many active local community groups.

"The role of mayor also involves representing the town at other civic events in the region and it is always interesting to hear and see what other towns do - and where we can, we look to learn from best practice."

Councillor Sarah Williams, Leader of Bridport Town Council, also delivered her annual report at the meeting.

She said: "In a time of increased financial pressures on local government, it is pleasing that the town council has been able to continue to deliver and support important local projects.

"The continued support of our partners, at all levels, has been and will continue to be, crucial."

BRIDPORT Mayor Maggie Ray, pictured with husband and town councillor Martin Ray, delivered her annual address last week

MEMBERS of a previous Bridport WI choir in front of Mountfield

Bridport Museum reopens for 2015 with new exhibition

BRIDPORT Museum will reopen for another season this week, bringing new and old exhibitions to the community.

The museum's new exhibition, Women's Institute: Inspiring Women 1915-2015 celebrates the centenary of the good work of Women's Institutes and will include crafts and memorabilia from some of the local WI groups.

Museum curator Emily Hicks said: "We know just how many different community groups there are, in and around Bridport, that I am delighted to have an exhibition for this season.

"It has been put together by local people and showcases the incredible amount of work that goes on."

Also in store and back by popular demand is the World War One exhibition 'The Chideock Egg Lady'.

It featured in the museum last year to mark 100 years since the start of the First World War and features transcribed letters written by soldiers in hospital to a Chideock Lady, Chrissie Squire.

During the war she would send eggs painted with pictures, poems and good luck messages to wounded soldiers and some of them wrote back to her, thanking her for her thoughtfulness.

Some of the letters will be on display as well as recordings of them.

There will also be new books and gifts available, many of them exclusive to Bridport museum and produced by local artisans and artists.

Bridport Museum is open from Saturday March 28th to Saturday October 31st, Monday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm and entry is free.

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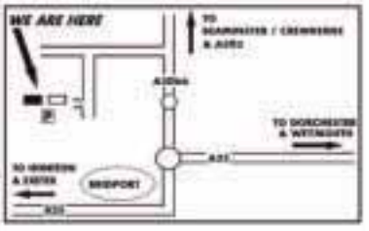

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Osprey Leisure Centre

Osprey Leisure Centre Easter Kid's Club 2015

This school holiday Osprey Leisure Centre has programmed the usual variety of popular activities for kids aged 5 -14 years from 30 March through to 10 April.

Amongst the usual mix of activity days Osprey is now offering an indoor football academy on Tuesdays and Thursdays which when added to the half day multi activity sessions on the same day give 2 extra full days from 9am - 4pm which have recently been added to the programme earlier in the year.

Many children love using the inflatable obstacle course during private pool parties but have the rare chance to attend the junior sessions for the over 9's which take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm - 4pm for only £3 per child for a full 2 hours.

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The Tunnel offers training facilities for many different applications, from those who want to prove or improve their skills and knowledge in application for their Firearms Certificate with 'Competent Shot', to Quality Assured Maritime Firearm Competency Courses with Maritime Firearms Competency LTD. As well as those The Tunnel plays host to The South West Regional Rifle and Pistol Squad (SWRPS), SWRPS is a regional talent training academy that has a proven track record of success with many of their current and former athletes, Leading to the fact that The Tunnel has recently had the training for the elite Team GB pistol shooting squad reinstated, members of this squad have been as successful as competing in the 2012 London Olympics and other international Championships.

For those who may be accompanying shooters, but who do themselves not wish to shoot, the tunnel has on offer observation rooms from which they can watch, while enjoying a tea or coffee from the centres on site cafe.

The Tunnel has managed to add something new every year, most recently the opening of the 100m indoor full bore range. This year however sees the start of offering archery taster sessions. For those who want to 'have a go'.

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Colfox second in national public speaking competition

by Lottie Welch
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STUDENTS at The Sir John Colfox School can talk the talk as they have come second in the final of the annual Rotary Youth Speaks competition.

The team was made up of Dom Reynolds-Grey, James Noonan and Ben Baldwin.

And the team's main speaker, James Noonan, picked up the Best Speaker award after talking about the problem of transportation for teenagers in rural areas for six minutes without notes.

Graham Farrow, a teacher at The Sir John Colfox School, said: "The boys performed expertly in the closely fought competition at Kings of Wessex School in Cheddar, before eventually coming a close second to winners Castle School, Taunton.

"The Colfox team can be very proud of their achievement, going further in the competition than any other Colfox team for many years.

"All three boys worked extremely hard to prepare and rehearse their speeches and to practise the demanding skill of answering questions from an audience.

"The good news is that all three boys will still be eligible to enter the competition next year, so this close team can remain intact.

"As teamwork is one of the major factors in Youth Speaks success, the prospects for the Colfox team look very bright indeed."

Speaking of being a part of the competition, James Noonan said: "I have gained confidence – and not just in speaking.

"It has definitely helped me structure my writing and has developed my memory skills."

THE Sir John Colfox School team came second in the final of the annual Rotary Youth Speaks competition with their main speaker James Noonan picking up the Best Speaker award. Pictured (left to right) Ben Baldwin, Clive Norris, the Youth Speaks coordinator, James Noonan and Dom Reynolds-Grey

Flood defence work to start earlier at West Bay

WORK to protect West Bay against flooding is to start sooner than expected, ***writes Lottie Welch***.

The government is bringing forward more than £11 million of its six-year flood defence programme announced in December to better protect more than 4,000 homes from flooding in the South West.

Three brand new schemes have been given the green light as part of the long-term investment programme, and work will start on another 37 flood defence projects earlier than previously announced.

Improvements to the coastal scheme at West Bay will begin development next year, reducing the flood risk for around 250 homes.

Environment Agency chairman Sir Philip Dilley, said: "This programme of more than 1,500 flood risk management schemes will significantly reduce flood risk to more than 300,000 properties in England by 2021, benefiting people, the economy and the environment.

"Government funding has also been brought forward meaning that over 30,000 properties will benefit from reduced flood risk earlier than originally planned.

"Our priority is to do as much as we can with every pound of funding from government and local partners, but of course the risk of flooding can never be entirely eliminated.

"With one in six homes in England at risk of flooding, I encourage people to check their flood risk and sign up to the Environment Agency's free flood warning service."

The government is bringing forward more than £140 million of the £2.3 billion six year flood defence programme to better protect more than 31,000 homes and businesses across the UK from flooding sooner than planned.

Environment secretary Elizabeth Truss said: "What this announcement means is greater peace of mind for thousands of people who are at risk from flooding across the South West.

"This is another example of infrastructure funded by the UK Government as part of our long-term economic plan."

New members for Bridport and District U3A

NEW members of the Bridport and District University of the Third Age (U3A) were invited to a coffee morning to find out more about the group.

The morning was an opportunity for them to meet and chat with existing members about their interests and enthusiasms.

There was a short, informative presentation by Pat Grafton, the interest group's organiser, who introduced the other members of the committee.

She explained how any member, new or long serving is encouraged to promote the idea of setting up a new group on any subject in which they have an expertise or special interest.

One of the new members, Tom, has an aircraft simulator in his home and hopes to start a group offering members a chance to fly different sorts of aircraft in it.

The breadth of subjects covered by the U3A includes art, literature, bridge, French, music, history and even lunch.

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Ropewalk Romp to launch annual fair

THIS year's Ropewalk Fair will be kicking off with an evening of music and storytelling in Bridport's historic Lyric Theatre.

The Ropewalk Romp – a night to raise funds for the Ropewalk Fair – will include singers, storytellers and music groups.

Local singer songwriter Fenne Lily will start the evening with folk songs of love and loss, followed by Salon y'Strel, from Sherborne, who aim to cram in 500 years of popular songs through jazz, cabaret, folk and goth.

Storyteller Martin Maudsley will be sharing tales of rope and net throughout the night before the evening is rounded off with Weymouth duo The Victorian Barbers.

Event organiser Keith Hatch said: "The Ropewalk Romp seeks to really kick off the weekend with a night of great music and stories.

■ **STORYTELLER Martin Maudsley will be one of the acts at the Ropewalk Romp**

"The fair is all about the town's heritage – and what better place to hold the event than The Lyric, a venue steeped in local history."

There will be a bar and raffle available throughout the evening with funds going towards the annual celebration of the town's rope and net making heritage.

Emily Hicks, Bridport Museum's curator, said: "Last year's Ropewalk Fair was a huge success and we want to build on it.

"Over the weekend there will be a chance to go on history walks, try out net making, join in a tug of war competition and much, much more.

"We hope everyone will enjoy the fair and come along to the launch night to raise a glass, and some funds, to Bridport past, present and future."

Tickets cost £8 in advance or £10 on the door and are on sale at Bridport Local History Centre in Gundry Lane, Bridport Tourist Information Centre and Bridport Music.

The event takes place at The Lyric Theatre, Barrack Street, on Friday May 8th and doors will open at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Application for neighbourhood forum in Askerswell approved

ASKERSWELL residents can now begin to shape the future of their community after West Dorset District Council approved their application for a neighbourhood forum.

Askerswell is the first community in the district to establish a neighbourhood forum and now members, made up of 29 local residents, can now develop a neighbourhood plan for the area.

Hilary Jordan, West Dorset District Council head of Planning Community and Policy Development, said: "It is great that the residents of Askerswell have taken the opportunity to create a neighbourhood forum and have a say on the development of their local area."

A neighbourhood plan gives residents more control over their local area and makes sure new homes and businesses are built where and how local people want them.

The area the neighbourhood plan will cover was agreed alongside the forum application and encompasses the whole of Askerswell parish.

The two applications were agreed at an executive committee meeting in February following an eight week consultation period.

More information on neighbourhood plans can be found at https://www.dorsetforyou.com/neighbourhoodplanning/west/weymouth

Deadline approaching to be in the running for Dorset's best village

THE deadline for entries into the Dorset Best Village competition is fast approaching a villagers are being urged to get their applications in.

The deadline is Monday April 6th at 5pm and the competition is an opportunity for rural communities to take pride in what they do and win a share of £2,000 in cash prizes.

Rita Burden, the competition organiser, said: "We are very pleased with the response so far from our dedicated followers but we would also wish to encourage more villages to enter for the first time and welcome back those who have not entered in a while."

The competition is organised by Dorset Community Action (DCA) and entry packs have been sent out to parish councils, village hall committees and other active community groups.

Besides the 'Best Village' competition, won last year by Martinstown for a large village and Loders for a small village, there are other categories to enter.

For example 'The Peoples Project' – the village judged to have entry involving local active people - which was won by Charmouth Shoreline Community Magazine last year - 'Environmental Champions' and 'Best Village Shop'.

The deadline for entries is 5pm on Monday April 6th and the DCA is encouraging groups to save paper and postage by entering the competition by email if possible.

Entry packs can be downloaded from http://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/dorsets_best_village or by calling DCA on 01305 216407 to be sent a copy.

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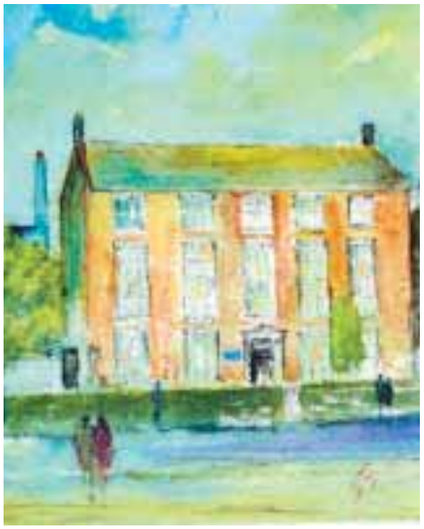

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Red Nose Day was a huge success! We are really pleased to announce that we have raised £82.62. In the morning residents were decorating fairy cakes and the Red Nose Day glasses. From 2pm there was a tombola, cake sale and a Magician called Chris Piercy.

Mothers Day at Fairfield was enjoyed by residents and their families with a vintage afternoon tea. The staff had made individual bouquets for all the ladies and small handmade chocolate hearts.

With Easter just around the corner, we have many trips planned on our bus, with hot cross buns and Easter eggs galore.

We now have a shop which is run by the residents, which sells small essential items and confectionary.

Visitors are always welcome at Fairfield whether family or friends, everyone is welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and home made cake.

Agincare

FORMERLY known as Avenue House Care Home, Badbury Care Home is now managed by local Weymouth based care provider Agincare Homes Holdings. Badbury Care Home and neighbouring Maumbury Nursing Home (formerly Greenbushes Nursing Home) will be undergoing a £1/2million refurbishment programme during the course of 2015.

Badbury Care home is currently trading and enjoying some redecoration, whilst the currently empty Maumbury Nursing Home will be undergoing a complete refurbishment with the aim of re-opening in the Summer of 2015 as a specialist Nursing Home. The combined project will bring over 45 new care and nursing beds to Dorchester and create over 50 new jobs..

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SIRKIS / BIALAS

Quartet come to Dorchester Arts Centre *see page 26*

MY DINING HELL

Jay Rayner brings one man show to Bridport *see page 31*

THE ELEPHANT MAN

Fourth Monkey ensemble tour hits Arts Centre *see page 33*

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upcoming gigs

Thursday 26 March
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Friday 27 March
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
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Saturday 28 March
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Crimson On Silver 9.30pm
Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER
Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar
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Thursday 2 April
Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
The Sirkis/Bialas International Quartet
Doors 7.30pm. £10/£8
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Sunday 29 March
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
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Saturday 4 April
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Sunday 5 April
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Jamming at the Crown 4-7pm
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A Tribute To Elvis - Tim Bassett 9.30pm
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Friday 10 April
Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
Gypsy Hill
Doors 7.30pm. £10/£8
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Saturday 11 April
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Goliath 9.30pm
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Viva Santana
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Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
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Dr Feelgood and Maggie Bell to headline live music festival

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Demand for tickets for both **Dr Feelgood**, the legendary R&B band from Canvey Island, playing on Sunday, May 31st and for **Maggie Bell**, Britain's answer to Janis Joplin, on Saturday, May 30th, is expected to be heavy so organisers are advising early booking to avoid disappointment.

The weekend kicks off on Friday 29th in the garden at Mariners Hotel with **Arcadia Jazz Band's tribute to Humphrey Lyttelton**.

Saturday, May 30th sees the **Philip Clouts Trio** play an afternoon matinee of contemporary jazz in Marine Theatre.

Maggie Bell, the soulful singer of 'Stone the Crows' fame is joined by **Dave Kelly** of the Blues Band to deliver a stirring Saturday evening of earthy blues, supported by Lyme's very own **½ Jack**, the house band for Guitars on the Beach.

By the Bay Restaurant hosts a Sunday morning Jazz Brunch with the **Clive Smith Trio** providing musical accompaniment to a slap up breakfast and one of the best sea-views in Lyme Regis.

Dr Feelgood plays out the weekend on Sunday evening at Marine Theatre in their own style of rhythm 'n blues.

Tickets are available from the box office by calling 01297 442138.

Jazz in the Garden: Arcadia Jazz Band, Friday, May 29th, doors open: 6.30pm, Mariners Hotel, Silver Street (garden), £6.

Jazz Matinee, Philip Clouts Trio, Saturday, May 30th, doors open: 1.30pm, Marine Theatre, £8.

Maggie Bell & Dave Kelly, supported by ½ Jack, Saturday, May 30th, doors open: 7.30pm, Marine Theatre, £15 (standing) £18 (seated).

Jazz Brunch – Clive Smith's Trio, Sunday, May 31st, By the Bay Restaurant, Marine Parade, doors open: 9.30am. £12 includes any one item from breakfast menu + tea/coffee

Dr Feelgood, Sunday, May 31st, doors open: 7.30pm, Marine Theatre, £15 (standing) £18 (seated).

Watch out for further announcements in the ***View from*** or on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/lymeregisjazzfestival).

Dr Feelgood

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• From 6 April 2016, the government will extend the period over which self-employed farmers can average their profits for income tax purposes from 2 to 5 years to help farmers plan for the future, recognising the often volatile nature of farm profits.

• Class 2 National Insurance Contributions for the self-employed are to be abolished during the next parliament.

• Employer National Insurance Contributions for those under the age of 21 will be abolished from April 2015.

• National Minimum Wage for an adult is to rise to £6.70 per hour from 1 October 2015 (realising a full-time annual increase of £300), and the apprentice rate to £3.30 per hour. Full-time apprentices will see their annual salaries increase by over £1,000 as a result.

• The main rate of Corporation Tax will be 20% from April 2015, and will remain at that level for the financial year commencing April 2016.

• A Diverted Profits Tax (for those companies diverting their profits from the UK to reduce their UK tax liability) will be charged at 25% on diverted taxable profits and will apply from 1 April 2015.

• The Annual investment allowance is set to reduce from £500,000 to £25,000 from 1 January 2016. However, the Chancellor is to look at this again and is likely to set it at a much more generous rate which will be announced in the 2015 Autumn Statement.

• The government will prevent individuals from claiming Entrepreneur's Relief on the disposal of personal assets used in a business carried on by a company or a partnership, unless they are disposed of in connection with a disposal of at least a 5% shareholding in the company, or a 5% share in the partnership assets. This affects disposals on or after 18 March 2015. The relief is intended to benefit individuals who are permanently withdrawing from a business.

• A new ambition that ultrafast broadband of at least 100Mbps should be available to nearly all UK premises.

• The government has asked the South West Peninsula Task Force on rail to consider improvements to the Exeter to Salisbury line as part of its work. The Great Western Route will see the introduction of new Intercity Express trains providing more frequent services and faster journey times.

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Making the decision to recruit as a small business

MAKING the decision to recruit is a crucial point for any small business. There are several important factors that need to be taken into consideration; the legalities, the financial implications, the time it takes, the physical office space required, and a lot more. But, that being said, it is also a really exciting time for your business and just goes to show how far you've come!

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Starting up a business, a guide from GOV.UK

Start with an idea

IF YOU'RE thinking of starting up a business, you'll first need to come up with a realistic idea that you can turn into a product or service. Find local support, including help with developing business ideas, on the National Enterprise Network website.

Register your idea

You might have already come up with an idea for a business you think there's a market for, or invented something you think people will want to buy. Find out how to register your idea to make sure nobody copies it without your permission.

Turn your idea into a business

1. Research your market - identify potential customers. Talk to them and find out if your idea is meeting a real need.
2. Develop and plan - test your product or service with real customers, make changes, and test it again. Keep doing this until you're sure there's a demand for it.
3. Find partners and suppliers - think about who you're going to work with to develop and sell your idea.
4. Set up your business - work out which legal structure is right for you, and whether you want to sell shares.
5. Get funding - explore different sources of business finance, from bank loans to government-backed schemes.

If you're unemployed, you might be able to get support and financial help from Jobcentre Plus. Contact the Business Link Helpline for help and advice on starting or growing your business.

Business Link Helpline 0845 600 9006 Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm

Part 2: Research your market

Test your business idea with potential customers to check if there's real demand for what you're planning to sell. This lets you find out about any problems and fix them before you've wasted too much time, effort and money.

Watch a video on researching your market to understand your customers' needs.

1. Identify potential customers. Talk to them and find out about their needs.
2. If you can, make a basic version of your product or service (a 'prototype'). Work out the cheapest and quickest way of making something that lets you find out if you're meeting a real customer need.
3. Test it with them and get feedback. Find out what they'd be willing to pay for it. Try out different prices with different customers in a consistent, realistic way to see what people will really pay. Can you make enough money for a return on your investment?
4. If there are other businesses competing for your market, think about what will make you different. Can you provide something better than what's already available?

Example

If you're in retail you could try different opening hours or home delivery. You could aim for a specific group of customers who aren't being targeted by other businesses (a 'market niche'), make something that's easier to use than competitors' products, or meet a customer need by solving a problem that nobody's ever solved before.

If you're starting a retail business, think about testing your idea by taking a short-term lease on premises for a few weeks or months. Watch videos on choosing your business premises, and deciding whether to rent or buy.

Part 3: Develop and plan

Develop and change your idea based on what you've found out about your customers' needs before investing. Deal with any problems you've found with your product or service, including the way you're planning to make and sell it.

Go back to your customers and test again.

Keep doing this until you're confident that they'll be willing to pay what you're asking, and that you're meeting their needs.

If there's no real demand for your idea, think about changing it completely. Is there another product, service or market that uses your skills and resources in a different way?

Write a business plan

A business plan is a good way to sum up:

- the customer need you're aiming to meet
- how your business will meet that need while making a profit

It should clearly show the results of your customer research, and that you're able to explain how you can turn your idea into viable business before you invest lots of time and money.

Your plan can also be a very helpful tool to convince other people of the value of your business. This includes potential partners and sources of funding.

Part 4: Find partners and suppliers

Many businesses start with just one person, known as a 'sole trader'. If you set up as a sole trader you'll be self-employed, which means you'll be your own boss.

You'll also be responsible for:

- managing your own time
- looking after all of your company's admin and accounts
- taking risks with your own money, particularly if you're leaving full-time employment

Whether you set up as a sole trader, partnership or limited company, your business is likely to involve working with more people to develop and sell your idea - including partners, suppliers and distributors.

Partners

Finding a co-founder with relevant skills and knowledge that are different to yours lets you focus on what you're best at.

For example, you might be selling a product you invented, or a service that uses a particular skill or talent you have, but not have any hands-on experience of running a business. If so, you might want to work with someone who has business and management skills, and can look after things like financial planning and recruitment.

Consider working with several partners in a team. You'll be able to share responsibilities including risk, getting funding, expertise and sharing contacts.

Suppliers

Whether you're making a product and you need raw materials, or supplies and equipment to run your service, many businesses need to work closely with suppliers.

Search online and talk to other businesses. Draw up a list of potential suppliers. Get estimates, then go and talk to them so you can:

- negotiate prices
- start to develop relationships
- get a sense of which suppliers are reliable and trustworthy

You'll need to agree on payment terms with your suppliers, and get them in writing. This includes your 'trade credit' period (how many days you agree to pay invoices within), and whether they can offer you discounts for things like buying in bulk or quick payments.

You'll also need to find suppliers for the equipment you'll need to run your business, including your IT systems.

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Voices from Tom Kenny, Antonio Banderas and Bill Fagerbakke.

CINDERELLA U
WHEN her father unexpectedly passes away, young Ella finds herself at the mercy of her cruel stepmother and her daughters. Never one to give up hope, Ella's fortunes begin to change after meeting a dashing stranger.
Live action fairy tale, stars Lily James, Cate Blanchett amd Richard Madden.

SEVENTH SON 12A
YOUNG Thomas is apprenticed to the local Spook to learn to fight evil spirits. His first great challenge comes when the powerful Mother Malkin escapes her confinement while the Spook is away.
Stars Ben Barnes, Julianne Moore and Jeff Bridges.

GET HARD 15
WHEN millionaire James King is nailed for fraud and bound for San Quentin, he turns to Darnell Lewis to prep him to go behind bars.
Stars Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart and Alison Brie.

ROBOT OVERLORDS 12A
EARTH has been conquered by robots from a distant galaxy. survivors are confined to their houses and must wear electronic implants, risking incineration by robot sentries if they venture outside.
Stars Gillian Anderson, Ben Kingsley and Callan McAuliffe.

RECLAIM 15
A DESPERATE American couple discovers all is not what it seems when they uncover a high-stakes underground scam while traveling abroad. To expose the truth and get back to the U.S., they must risk their lives to save their daughter.
Stars John Cusack, Ryan Phillippe and Rachelle Lefevre.

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Friday, Mar 27th - Thurs, Apr 2nd
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Sun: 14.00, Wed: 13.10, 16.00
Suite Française 15
Fri, Sat, Mon, Tue, Thu: 20.25
Sun: 21.00
Maxine Peake as Hamlet 12A
Sun: 16.45
Before I Go To Sleep 15
Thu: 10.30am
ROH: Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny Wed: 19.00

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Men, Women and Children 15
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plus Sat-Thu: 10.10am
Home U
Fri, Thu: 12.50, 13.40, 15.10, 16.00, 18.40
Sat-Tue: 11.10, 12.50, 13.40, 15.10, 16.00, 18.40
Wed: 11.10, 12.50, 13.40, 15.10, 16.00
Divergent Series: Insurgent 12A
Daily: 12.00, 14.50, 17.40, 20.30
The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water U
Fri-Wed: 12.40, 13.50, 15.00, 16.10, 17.15, 18.20, plus Sat-Wed: 11.20am
Thu: 11.20, 12.20, 15.00, 16.10, 17.15, 18.20
The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel PG
Daily: 20.10
The Gunman 15
Daily: 20.50
Penguins of Madagascar U
Sat-Thu: 10.00, 10.15am
Paddington PG
Sat-Thu: 10.30am
Tinker Bell and The Legend of the NeverBeast U
Sat-Thu: 10.00am
Run All Night 15
Fri-Tue: 20.15
Suite Française 15
Daily: 19.30
Still Alice 12A
Daily: 17.30
Focus 15
Daily: 21.00
Big Hero 6 PG
Daily: 12.30,
plus Sun, Tue-Thu: 10.00am
Get Hard 15
Daily: 13.10, 15.40, 18.10, 20.45
Seventh Son 12A
Daily: 15.20, 17.50, 21.00
(excluding Thu: 17.50)

Bookends perform the best of Simon and Garfunkel 'Through the Years'

FOLLOWING their hugely successful sell-out tour in 2013, Bookends singers Dan Haynes and Pete Richards are returning to the South West with 'Simon and Garfunkel: Through the Years', playing at the Marine Theatre on the March 27th, having recently performed at Dorchester Arts Centre.

Described as the most authentic show of its kind, bringing a truly beautiful and credible vocal mix, this hugely talented duo present a tribute band with a unique and alluring twist. 'Through the Years' is a powerful and moving performance that heightens nostalgia by cleverly using images and excerpts from the Simon and Garfunkel biography throughout, taking audiences on a chronological journey through the friendship and career of the iconic musical pair.

Simon and Garfunkel met as youngsters in a school production of Alice in Wonderland. At this time neither Paul Simon nor Art Garfunkel could have imagined the career that lay before them. Although their time together as recording artists was short, their impact on the music industry worldwide was great and their music would live on for decades.

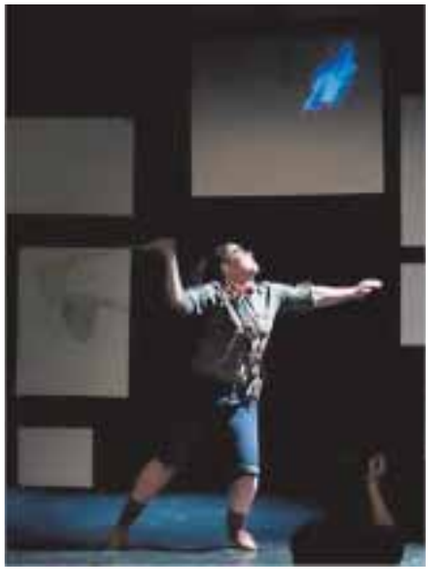
In a coincidental parallel, Dan and Pete also realised their love of music together during their school years, resulting in a musical partnership throughout college and to the present day.

The evening promises hits such as The Sound of Silence, Mrs Robinson, The Boxer and the unforgettable Bridge Over Troubled Water.

Bookends perform Simon & Garfunkel: Through the Years on Friday, March 27th at 8pm at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis.

Tickets are £13 or £11 (concessions). To book tickets, contact TIC on 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

Catching feathers



LOOKING for ways to keep kids entertained during the Easter holidays? Three Dorset venues are staging *The Feather Catcher*, a fun and playful story of friendship, teamwork and mischievous feathers.

The adventure begins when unlikely friends Freda and Greta go on their feather catching journey. Freda loves feathers; in fact she likes feathers more than she likes people. She has an impressive collection of colorful feathers, but there is one feather – the most beautiful feather she has ever seen, that she just can't catch. This feather is tricky and tickly; it flutters and floats just out of reach. Freda can't catch this feather by herself; she is going to need some help. Could clumsy neighbor, Greta, be the one to help Freda outsmart this tricky feather? Freda and Greta embark on a feather catching quest that teaches them to work together and shows Freda the importance of friendship.

Audiences can expect an imaginative combination of performance, humorous characters, moving projections and live music.The show is aimed at audiences aged 3-6 and their families. Both adults and children, will delight in the charming tale of teamwork.

Filskit Theatre are bringing *The Feather Catcher* to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday, March 29th (visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138 for more details), Bridport Arts Centre on Monday, March 30th, 11am (www.bridport-arts.com / 01308 424204) and Dorchester Arts on Monday, March 30th at 3pm (www.dorchesterarts.org.uk / 01305 266926).

Jay Rayner's Dining Hell

TV PRESENTER and restaurant critic Jay Rayner will be describing his own personal dining hell when he appears at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, March 27th at 7.30pm.

The Observer restaurant critic and chair of BBC Radio 4's Kitchen Cabinet will be examining our fascination with lousy reviews, recalling some of his worst nights out and sharing the most damning reviews his own work has received.

A restaurant critic for The Observer for more than a decade and with reviews of well over 700 establishments under his belt, if there is one thing he's learnt it is that people like reviews of bad restaurants. They adore them, feast upon them like starving vultures that have spotted fly-blown carrion out in the bush.

Many people will know Jay from his radio and television appearances particularly on the One Show, Masterchef and the Kitchen Cabinet. He is always an eloquent and outspoken, sometimes rude, but always pertinent critic. During a very interesting hour he will share what motivates his writing, why we love his reviews, and all the different types of bad restaurant.

As well as examining our love affair with lousy reviews, reading from accounts of some of the most excruciating nights out he's ever had, and looking at the worst reviews his own work has ever received, Jay invites the audience to give his performance a review in real time via Twitter.

He also divulges his pet peeves, the things that immediately undermine his dining experience and attract the sharpest edge of his pen which are illustrated with brief videos starring Jay himself, acted out with an exaggerated earnestness that captures the kind of pretentiousness that he loves to undermine.

Tickets are available priced £14/£13 members/ £12 concessions from Bridport Arts Centre's box office 01308 424204 or online from www.bridport-arts.com

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 25TH

LYME REGIS: Parents Together group, with crèche provided at The Hub, 9.15am-11.15am. Every Wednesday during term time. £2 per family suggested donation. This week 'What's your passion?'.
MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
DORCHESTER: Lunches, every Wednesday until Easter, 12-1.30pm at United Church, South Street. Ploughmans, choice of sweet, tea or coffee. £5, all for Christian Aid.
DORCHESTER: Musical fund and games at Evergreens Social Group at Age UK Dorchester. Starting 1.45pm. Everyone welcome. Singalongs, musical quizzes and video clips from your favourite musicals. For more details call 01305 269444

THURSDAY MARCH 26TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: West Bay Community Forum AGM at the Salt House, 7.30pm. For more details email wbcf@outlook.com
DORCHESTER: West Dorset Humanists will hold a meeting at the Wessex Royale Hotel, 32 High West Street, Dorchester DT1 1UP, starting at 7.30pm. Hazel Hudson will speak on "Quakerism and Humanism: similarities and differences". Entry is £3. Everyone is welcome. For more details, look us up on westdorsethumanists.org or call 07810 360700 or 07411 077058.

FRIDAY MARCH 27TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Jim Brown, local award-winning wildlife photographer and falconer. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733
MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
BRIDPORT: An introduction to Nichiren Buddhism - a practice for modern life. At Friends Meeting House, 95 South Street (DT6 3NZ). 7.30-9pm.

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH

WEYMOUTH: 'Spring Comes to Southill' when Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society hold their annual show at Southill Community Centre in Radipole Lane. All welcome. From 2.15pm at the Centre. Refreshments, a raffle and sales table available and the prize-giving at 4 pm. Further details available from Julie or Peter on 01305 772533.
WEYMOUTH: 'Weymouth Choral Society performance of Faure's 'Requiem' in memory of their former musical director John Wycliffe-Jones, who died in February aged 90. The concert takes place at St Mary's Church from 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from members of the Society or on the door.

SUNDAY MARCH 29TH

ROUSDON, LYME REGIS: Wedding Fayre at the Dower House Hotel, 11am-3pm. For more details call 01297 21047 or visit www.dhhotel.com

MONDAY MARCH 30TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club meets at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. No partner or previous experience required. Admission £2. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.
ABBOTSBURY: New pre-school dance class, every Monday during term time 11-11.30am, at Strangways Hall. Fun ballet, music and movement for boys and girls aged 2.5-4 years old. Drop in anytime, £4 or £3.50 concessions. For more details call 01305 871331.
SOUTH PERROTT: Art Class at South Perrott Village Hall, every Monday, 1.15-3.15pm. £10 each. For more details call 01935 891808.

TUESDAY MARCH 31ST

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
LYME REGIS: Mike Seaman will give an illustrated talk entitled "Robert Hildyard - Lord of Catherstone Manor". The talk starts at 2.30pm in Woodmead Hall. Entry is £1.50 including refreshments and all are welcome.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST

DORCHESTER: Lunches, every Wednesday until Easter, 12-1.30pm at United Church, South Street. Ploughmans, choice of sweet, tea or coffee. £5, all for Christian Aid.

THURSDAY APRIL 2ND

DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ starting at 2 15 pm. Bob Ayres will give a talk on Hidden Gardens of London. This is the first meeting at our new venue and we would be very pleased to welcome new members. We will be booking for our first outing of the season on the Dart Steam Railway. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for more info

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH

BRIDPORT: Sarah Horton from Boots in Bridport is taking part in the London Marathon to raise money for the Joseph Weld Hospice. Sarah, being a Brownie Guider is being supported by the local Trefoil Guild (Guiding for Adults) who will be holding a Cream Tea with various stalls at St. John's Church, West Bay on at 2.30pm. For more details call 01308 420699.
BRIDPORT: Friends of Bridport Millennium Green Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 3pm. Hunt around the gardens at Mountfield, at the top of Rax Lane and Downes Street. Free for all children, everyone will receive at least one egg. The green, with gardens and a hilltop walk which can also be accessed from Coneygar Lane, are held in Trust for the people of Bridport, and can be used by the public at any time.

MONDAY APRIL 6TH

SOUTH PERROTT: Art Class at South Perrott Village Hall, every Monday, 1.15-3.15pm. £10 each. For more details call 01935 891808.

THURSDAY APRIL 9TH

BRIDPORT: Electronic Organ Concert by Ryan Edwards at the United Church Hall, East Street. Admission £8, members £7, visitors welcome. Concert starts at 7.30pm. For more details call 01460 73500.
CHARMOUTH: You are invited to a three week course for those interested in finding out about "Inner Peace". Showing short DVDs of Prem Rawat talking and we will be open to discussions afterwards. The meetings will start at 11am and will last about an hour. The dates are April 9th, 16th and 23rd all on Thursday mornings, held in Charmouth Library Cafe, Free entry, all welcome.
DORCHESTER: The Thursday Group will meet to hear a Dorset C C Ranger talk on "Thorncombe Wood". Come and hear about what can be seen in "the woods" as well as details of the newly opened Visitor Centre at Higher Bockhampton, near Hardy's Cottage. We start at 2.15pm in St. George's Church Hall, Fordington and the charge of £1 covers a cup of tea/coffee, all welcome.

FRIDAY APRIL 10TH

LYME REGIS: U3A meeting. 10am coffee ,11am talk by Jane Brewer BEM. Titled 'death Ancient Egytptian Style' An overview of the health and nutrition of the people and rituals associated with mummification. Looking at what the elite took to their graves referencing Tutankhamun. At Woodmead Halls.

SATURDAY APRIL 11TH

CHIDEOCK: 'Tea at the Chideock Ritz'. Afternoon tea with style at the Chideock Village Hall in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. 3 - 5pm. Tickets £7 available from Guy Mills 01308 489231
UPLYME: Ballroom, Latin and some Sequence dancing at Uplyme Village Hall. Entry £4.50 per person in aid of hall funds. 8-10.30pm. For more details call 01297 442439

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH

NORTH CHIDEOCK: Marshwood Vale Young Farmers Club Annual Ploughing Match from 9.30am-2pm, at Silver Bridge Farm (DT6 6LF). For more details call 07780 951501 or 01308 868015.

MONDAY APRIL 13TH

BEAMINSTER: Dorset Moviola proudly presents 'My Old Lady' (cert 12a) at the Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (advance) or £5.50 on the door. Available from Yarn Barton on 01308 862715, Weekdays 9.30-12.30 & Saturdays 9-1pm or ring Carol Dixon on 01308 861378

More men needed for Musical Theatre group's Evita production

LYME Regis Musical Theatre, formerly known as Lyme Regis Operatic Society, are celebrating more success at the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) Awards.

The society said it was "very proud to announce" the "well-earned" accolades of Scott Robson for best programme, and Rachel Worsley who received the best choreography award, both for their work in last year's production of *Mame*.

Rachel is working with the society again this year on its ambitious production of *Evita*, with local talent Kelly Apps in the lead role of the Argentine President's wife and political activist, Eva Perón.

A spokesperson said: "We are delighted to have Rachel with us again this year, her expertise and enthusiasm as choreographer keeping the cast on their toes, as well as having Nick Lawrence in overall control of the production as director."

While the group has a strong chorus of ladies for the musical, more men are needed to take part.

"It would be wonderful to replicate last year's standard of production with Evita, but to achieve these results we do need an army of men of varying ages to join us," the spokesperson added.

For further information contact Pauline Beviss on 01297 33903. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings at the Marine Theatre from 7.30pm.

■ CHOREOGRAPHY CHAMP: Rachel Worsley with her award for outstanding Choreography at the NODA SW awards night.

■ DESIGN SUCCESS: Scott Robson (above left), director for *Evita*, and winner of the NODA SW's 'best programme' for *Mame*

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WOW Youth Theatre seeks new talent to join the cast of Hairspray

WEYMOUTH-BASED WOW Youth Musical Theatre is looking for talented young performers to join the group in time for their November production of Hairspray. This ambitious and exciting production is being staged by WOW at the Weymouth Pavilion from November 18th to 21st 2015.

Hairspray is an award-winning musical comedy set in Baltimore in the early 1960s that celebrates diversity and the spirit of youth through fast moving, catchy songs with a colourful iconic 60s theme. It is also set against the background of the African-American civil rights movement and uses humour, vibrant music and dance to explore the issue of equality.

Chairman, Alan McKechan, said, "Following the astounding success of Sister Act we are delighted to be staging the hit musical Hairspray this Autumn, The numerous teenage characters in Hairspray make it ideal for a dynamic youth theatre group such as WOW to perform. We are excited to have up to a dozen vacancies for new members and are particularly keen to hear from young performers from all backgrounds who are interested in joining us for this production and future shows."

WOW has vacancies for up to 12 new members aged 10 to 18. All those interested are invited to attend workshops on April 12th and 19th with auditions taking place on April 26th. Potential members can book a place through the WOW website at wow.btck.co.uk.

Easter Dino Egg Hunt at County Museum

DORSET County Museum will be running two different events for children during Easter Holidays. Both are completely FREE thanks to generous sponsorship from Battens Solicitors.

On Wednesday, April 1st discover about the burial customs from ancient times looking at how people were buried and what special objects were chosen to go into the grave. There will also be an opportunity on Wednesday, April 8th to learn more about the famous horned Ooser mask displayed in the museum as well as have a go at making one. Both activities take place between 10.30am and 12.30pm and there's no need to book.

To coincide with the Easter Holidays from Saturday, March 28th to Saturday, April 18th. Families will have the opportunity to enter 'The Dinosaur Egg Hunt' where children will be encouraged to find clues throughout the museum's galleries for a chance to win some fabulous prizes.

To enter, a trail sheet can be purchased for £1 from the front desk; all proceeds will go towards the Museum Development Appeal. Once the questions to the answers are completed, the sheet can be handed back to the front desk. All correctly answered quiz sheets will have a chance to win prizes like the large chocolate dinosaur egg created by Angel Cake Company and the egg supplied by Waitrose. An animated wooden skeleton model of a Tyrannosaurus Rex donated by Wise Owl Toys and a Triceratops model donated by Louis Ormston. However everyone who enters will not leave empty handed as they will receive a small prize for participating.

For further information contact the Museum on 01305 756827 or check online at the website www.dorsetcountymuseum.org

Children's Theatre gets messy with *The Boy Who Bit Picasso*

GET THE kids play clothes ready because theatre is about to get messy! Oxford Playhouse are bringing the wonderful children's book *The Boy Who Bit Picasso* to life at Bridport Arts Centre on Tuesday, April 7th.

Inspired by the book by Antony Penrose it tells the story of Tony a little boy with a great friend … world famous artist Pablo Picasso. Tony's mum was the photographer Lee Miller and his dad, writer Roland Penrose. Together they spent time with Picasso in the South of France and in their family farm in Sussex.

Children are invited to play on an imaginary farm with Tony and Picasso. There'll be fun, games and chances to make crazy pictures. There'll also be storytelling and music at this hands-on family show.

So come along and meet one of the 20th century's most influential artists through the eyes of a young boy. This show is suitable everyone aged 4 - 8 and their families

Performances take place on Tuesday, April 7th at 11am and 2pm. Tickets are £10, £8 Members, £6 Concessions, or £30 Family from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

The show is approx 70 minutes long.

Fourth Monkey Ensemble announces first ever national tour with The Elephant Man

FOURTH Monkey Theatre Company are headed to Bridport Arts Centre with its production of *The Elephant Man*.

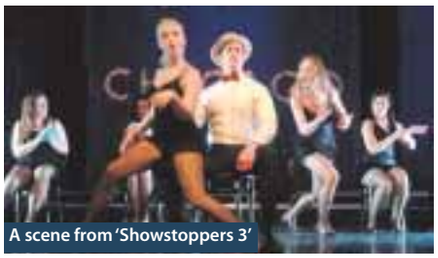
Inspired by the iconic David Lynch film and the true story of Joseph Merrick, Elephant Man was written by the company's Artistic Director Steven Green and received rave reviews and numerous award nominations, including the Amnesty International Freedom of Expression award, when it premiered with a sell- out run at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2012.

Daniel Chrisostomou has been much acclaimed for his performance as Merrick, who owes his existence to those who exploit his horrible deformities for their own ends. But as he sits silently under curious stares, it is the world around him that appears grotesque.

The Fourth Monkey Ensemble is the professional touring arm of the London-based Fourth Monkey Theatre Company, which offers an innovative training programme with an emphasis on repertory performance and learning and working with the best. The Ensemble has been assembled from actors who have trained with Fourth Monkey to deliver original physical work, nationally and internationally, under the direction of Artistic Director, Steven Green.

Elephant Man will be on stage at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, March 28th at 7.30pm. Tickets £12/ £11 Members/ £10 Concessions.

Bridport Musical Theatre Company present Showstoppers 4



A scene from 'Showstoppers 3'

After their sell out performances of 'Grease' last summer, award winning Bridport Musical Theatre Company take to the stage again with their annual 'Showstoppers'. This musical show of song and dance always proves popular with audiences and this year will feature numbers that play tribute to some of the great screen idols, composers, lyricists and choreographers of the past. As well as featuring some great numbers from popular musicals that can be seen in the West End today. The company promises an evening of great entertainment not to be missed.

In August the company will be staging the hit musical 'West Side Story' at Bridport Arts Centre, if you have an interest in musical theatre and would like to join the company auditions will be held in April. They will be particularly looking for males aged 14 and over. For more information contact Dave Swaffield on 01308 422708 or 07757251929.

'Showstoppers 4' will be at Bridport Arts Centre Tuesday 31st March – Friday 3rd April. Tickets are available from Bridport Arts Centre.

Box office 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

#Letter365 - The Installation

BRIDPORT Arts Centre will be exhibition David Smith's #Letter365 in the Allsop Gallery until Saturday, April 11th. The unique installation marks the culmination of a unique project which has been unfolding over the last year, with a new, individual artwork being created each and every day since March 7th 2014.

Wherever he might have been, every day David has made a piece of work from scratch, sealed it in an envelope and, before midnight, arranged for its delivery, usually by post, to Bridport Arts Centre where all the envelopes remained unopened awaiting the exhibition. The catch is that each work will remain unseen until it is sold. Buyers can choose a randomly selected day, or by paying little extra they can choose a specific date, perhaps an anniversary or birthday, as a gift for themselves or someone special. Not only do purchasers get the artwork (and envelope) created that day they are also getting a small part of the bigger work that is #Letter365.

And what is inside each envelope? It could be a work in any medium from drawing to collage, painting to photography. Whatever it is David guarantees that it is a totally original one-off created substantially from scratch on the day stated.

Much of David's work explores the interplay between chaos and control, emotion and the intellect, the seen and the unseen, and this work is no different. The envelopes are arranged in an ordered grid which is disrupted and disturbed by the sold pieces being opened out and the contents displayed. Some of his other work is also on show to help place #Letter365 into a wider context.

#Letter365 will continue to evolve through the duration of the exhibition. Every Saturday any additional pieces sold that week will be opened and displayed, so the audience can influence the process and progress of the work by their buying choices. Even though the cost of a day is intentionally pitched very low, it is not expected that every piece will sell, and so an auction of the remaining works will be held towards the end of the show to allow even more works to be opened and shown. So there should be new and interesting things happening throughout the duration of the show. To keep informed of what is going on check out the blog letter365.co.uk where David is documenting the project.

Entry to the exhibition is free.

Palace screening of A View from The Bridge

The great Arthur Miller confronts the American dream in dark and passionate tale *A View from The Bridge*, currently being studied by thousands of A-Level students as part of the English Literature syllabus.

Don't miss a stellar cast led by Mark Strong (The Imitation Game; Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy) in the Young Vic's 'magnetic, electrifying, astonishingly bold' production of A View from the Bridge – the Evening Standard, Guardian and Independent's top theatre pick of 2014.

In Brooklyn, longshoreman Eddie Carbone welcomes his Sicilian cousins to the land of freedom. But when one of them falls for his beautiful niece, they discover that freedom comes at a price. Eddie's jealous mistrust exposes a deep, unspeakable secret – one that drives him to commit the ultimate betrayal.

The visionary Ivo van Hove directs this stunning production of Miller's tragic masterpiece, broadcast from London's West End by National Theatre Live.

The screening of *A View from The Bridge* comes to the Electric Palace Theatre, Bridport this Thursday, March 26th. Doors open 6pm for a 7pm start.

Tickets are £10 plus booking fee, or £12 on the door. Tickets are available through Electric Palace Box Office (open Tues–Sat, 10am- 4pm) 01308 428354, Bridport TIC (open Mon-Sat 10am-3pm) on 01308 424901 or online at www.seetickets.com

A Night of Dirty Dancing: The Ultimate Tribute Show

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Don't be the one sitting in the corner. Immerse yourself in the timeless, theatrical treat. Take a trip back to the summer of '63, relive Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey's sizzling performance in the ultimate coming of age romance.

Please note this show is not affiliated with Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story on Stage currently on tour in the UK and worldwide.

A Night of Dirty Dancing: The Ultimate Tribute Show comes to the Electric Palace Theatre, Bridport on Friday, April 3rd, with doors opening 6.30pm, and performance from 7.30pm.

Tickets are £20 plus booking fee ib advance or £22 on the door. Tickets through Electric Palace Box Office (open Tues–Sat, 10am- 4pm) 01308 428354, Bridport TIC (open Mon-Sat 10am-3pm) on 01308 424901 or online at www.seetickets.com

Family fun at the Lyric this Easter

THE Lyric in Bridport's Barrack Street will be a hive of fun and activity on Tuesday, March 31st and Wednesday, April 1st, with a monster making workshop and a puppet performance for all the family!

Holly Miller, who runs regular Puppet Club courses at the Lyric, will be running a day workshop open to all ages over 8 to Make Your Own Monster, on Tuesday, March 31st. Using recycled fabrics, plastics, cardboard and materials, come and construct your very own monster. From big to small, scary to fluffy, spiky to cuddly - anything goes, just add your imagination! Booking is essential due to limited places, via the Lyric: 01308 423951 or admin@the-lyric.com.

On Wednesday, April 1st, Noisy Oyster Theatre Company brings Three Billy Pigs to the Lyric, with performances at 11:30am and 2:30pm. This is their enchanting new show for children of 3 years and over. Once upon a time there were three little pigs... and now it is time for them to leave home. They set off to build their dream houses in the green field on the other side of the river. But then these homes are put to the test by a misunderstood wolf who has a little bit of a problem. And who is the grumpy person who lives under the bridge? The show blends two classic fairy tales, The Three Little Pigs and The Three Billy Goats Gruff, with beautifully crafted puppets, light-hearted story telling, live music and a little bit of eco-awareness in a pig stylie.

Tickets are £8 adults / £6 children / £25 family of 4 (max 2 adults) from Bridport Arts Centre: 01308 424204 / www.bridport-arts.com as well as from Box Office Coffee, or on the door 30 minutes before the show, if available.

My Friend Mole

LOOKING for ways to keep kids entertained during the Easter holidays? Dorchester Arts are delighted to welcome back Birdnest Theatre Company who performed *Wash* at Munchkins Play Café, captivating our youngest audience members as part of the Dorchester Festival 2014.

This time they are performing My Friend Mole on Friday, April 3rd at 11am and 2pm and invite you to join them at Dorchester Arts Centre as they weave this gentle tale of a very special friendship and the imagination. Using live music, storytelling and a rich visual language that will delight and surprise it's audience.

Don't miss the opportunity to do something a little different this Easter holiday, which is definitely not dependent on the weather!

Dorchester Arts spring season of drama is proudly supported by Battens Solicitors Charitable Trust.

Birdsnest Theatre is bringing My Friend Mole to Dorchester Arts Centre on Friday, April 3rd at 11am and 2pm. Call 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk for more details.

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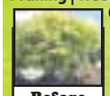
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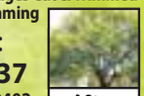
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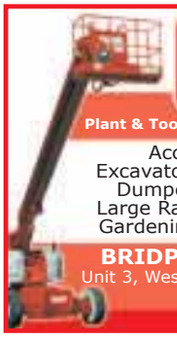

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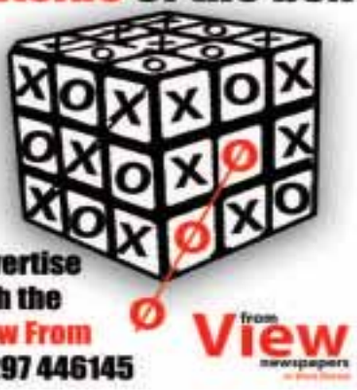
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▲ The new Jeep Renegade

THE new Jeep Renegade marks a series of firsts in the company's history. On sale in the UK from February 2015, the Renegade is Jeep's first entry into the small SUV segment. It is also the first Fiat Chrysler Automobiles car to be jointly developed by Italian and American engineers and the first Jeep to be built in Europe but sold in the USA.

Those aren't the Jeep Renegade's only firsts. It becomes the first small SUV to feature a nine-speed gearbox. It is the first in its segment to have rear axle disconnect and it is unique in class thanks to the My Sky sunroof that gives occupants a true open-air driving experience. It is also the first in its segment to have a seven-inch full colour multi-view display in its instrument binnacle.

Although it's built in Italy, at the rejuvenated SATA plant in Melfi, the Renegade had to be instantly recognisable as a Jeep. It will be sold in 100 markets globally and designers were challenged to come up with a look that would symbolise Jeep's American heritage while appealing to youthful and adventurous car buyers. The result is rugged yet chic thanks to a combination of the brand's classic styling cues such as the seven slot grille, round headlamps and trapezoidal wheel arches that blend with the fresh, modern look.

A new architecture beneath enables the Renegade to achieve Jeep's fabled 'Trail Rated' status. This means the new model will be able to combine best-in-class off-road ability with world-class on-road driving dynamics. Inside, functional details crafted from high quality materials and using innovative colours ensure the Renegade will become a polished addition to its owners' lives. It'll be a practical one too, courtesy of best-in-class interior space and clever, functional storage areas.

Equipment has been designed to boost on-board comfort. Advanced technology includes the intuitive Uconnect touch-screen for infotainment with a choice between 5 and 6.5-inch screens. A wide range of options includes the kind of open air freedom that until now has been unavailable in the small SUV class. The unique-to-segment My Sky has two lightweight panels that can be easily removed and stowed in the boot for a truly panoramic open-air experience.

There is also an array of advanced safety features including Forward Collision Warning Plus with Crash Mitigation which automatically prevents or reduces the impact in low-speed shunts; ParkSense Parallel and Perpendicular Park Assist that automatically parks the car; LaneSenseTM Lane Departure Warning Plus; and Adaptive Cruise Control.

The Jeep Renegade is available in 11 colours with six wheel designs and there are six powertrain combinations, each of which offers a combination of efficiency and performance. There are two MultiAir II petrol engines, a pair of MultiJet II turbo diesels and the 1.6-litre eTorque petrol. There are also five and six-speed manual gearboxes, the Dual Dry Clutch Transmission and the nine-speed automatic gearbox. Available with two or four-wheel drive the Renegade boasts two new, advanced 4x4 systems: Jeep Active Drive and Jeep Active Drive Low.

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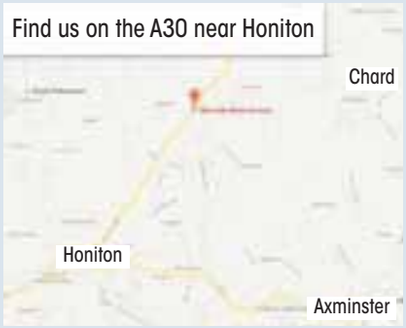

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SIGNIFICANTLY lighter, considerably more efficient, appreciably more technologically accomplished – this is the all-new Audi Q7 in a nutshell. The imposing new SUV which has shed up to 325kg in its second generation will become available to order in the UK next month priced from £50,340 OTR for the SE model, rising to £53,835 OTR for the S line – it will reach its first customers here in August.

The promise of even greater things in the successor to the model which has found over 510,000 homes worldwide since its 2006 launch begins at surface level. A full body-colour paint finish is now standard, and the large 3D hexagonal singleframe grille dominating the front of the car is flanked by double-arrow design Xenon plus headlights with LED daytime running lights in SE models or all-weather LED units in the S line. The latter are also complemented by a high beam assist function and dynamic rear indicators, which sweep sequentially from the inside out for better visibility when turning. New design alloy wheels with a 19-inch diameter are part of the SE specification, while S line versions upgrade to a 20-inch wheel. Powered tailgate operation is also part of the package for both versions.

Inside the cabin, which in UK specification models features three rows of seats upholstered in supple Twin leather, headroom has increased for both front and second row passengers. The second seating row now benefits from a tilt and fold function, and when the two seats in the third row aren't being used, they can now be more easily folded away to make room for luggage thanks to a new powered folding mechanism. A total of 770 litres of luggage space is available when seven passengers are on board, or up to 1,955 litres if only the front seats are occupied.

Up in the front row the latest MMI navigation plus with MMI Touch – the range-topping system based on the second generation modular infotainment platform - brings a wealth of media within easily accessible reach helped by its MMI all in touch control unit with large touchpad and ultra-clear 8.3-inch electrically retractable monitor. Trial access to Audi connect, which brings internet-based services to the car via a fast 4G connection and also creates a mobile Wi-Fi hotspot enabling occupants to go online using handheld devices, is also included.

▲ UK-bound Q7 spec matches its advanced tech

New Superb Means Business as Škoda Announces SE Business Trim Level

WITH its exceptionally spacious cabin and class-leading rear legroom, the all-new ŠKODA Superb is set to be a great place to do business when UK deliveries start later this year. And, thanks to the introduction from launch of a new SE Business trim level, company car drivers will get to enjoy an even higher level of specification, comfort and refinement.

More equipment, even better value

Designed to meet the specific needs of the fleet market, SE Business trim level adds a raft of additional equipment over the already well-equipped SE model. The specification, which adds even greater comfort and technology, includes upmarket Alcantara upholstery; front and rear parking sensors and stylish sunset glass from the B-pillar back, to help keep occupants cool. ŠKODA's Amundsen touchscreen satellite navigation system is included as standard, with a 6.5-inch colour touchscreen and Bluetooth telephone integration, as well as SmartLink (which integrates mobile phone functions via Apple CarPlay, MirrorLink and Google Android Auto). Also featured is Drive mode selection, which enables drivers to choose between Eco, Sport or Normal driving profiles. From 2016*, a Phone box with wireless charging and an enhanced mobile signal will also be standard, meaning driver's phones will always be charged without the need to plug in.

As on the SE, SE Business models also come with stylish 17-inch alloy wheels; dual-zone air conditioning; lumbar support, cornering front fog lights; electrically folding door mirrors; Front Assist and Adaptive Cruise Control.

Despite the significant increase in standard equipment, SE Business models are priced at exactly the same level as SE models, making for a seriously competitive P11D price. Two EU6-compliant diesel engines are available from launch: a 1.6-litre 120PS unit and a 2.0-litre 150PS motor. DSG transmissions are available on both. A GreenLine model, which is expected to return 76.4mpg combined and emit just 95g/km of CO2, will join the line-up in due course. Prices start at just £21,590 for the 1.6-litre 120PS model.

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The new Superb is also brimming with new technology and ŠKODA's acclaimed Simply Clever features. Designed and engineered to make the new Superb safer and more comfortable, new optional features include the clever Virtual pedal system, which opens the boot with just the wave of a foot under the rear bumper; Blind spot detection; Rear traffic alert (which makes reversing out of parking spaces safer); third-generation Park assist (which enables automatic parking in parallel spaces, and in perpendicular spaces either nose-first or tail-first) and, on DSG-equipped models, Traffic jam assist, which makes driving in heavy traffic less stressful.

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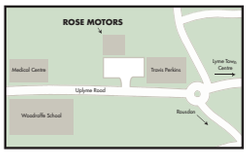

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TOMMY TABBERER CUP QF
CREWKERNE RANGERS 2 UPLYME 1

UPLYME hopes of a fourth cup final appearance in the Lyme Regis-based Tommy Tabberer Cup competition in the last seven years ended with a narrow 2-1 defeat at Wadham School.

The hosts led through a Steve Bryant strike at half-time with Uplyme struggling to cope with the fierce wind and the abrasive contribution of Rangers' towering Andy Loveless.

But the second 45 was a complete turnaround with the Swallows clearly in the ascendancy. "We dominated the whole of the half and probably had 90 per cent of the possession," said Uplyme manager Steve Gillan.

But they failed to capitalise on a host of good chances before Sam Kapur, summoned from his usual role between the sticks to turn out as a centre back, levelled with a bullet header from a corner.

The visitors continued to lay siege on the Rangers goal. Dan Prendeville went agonisingly close with a chip that drifted inches wide.

But they were made to pay when the hosts broke away and Aaron Hole bagged the winner.

"I had to check my wallet afterwards because I though we'd been robbed," said a disappointed Gillan.

◆ **ROBBED:** Steve Gillan felt his Uplyme deserved cup-tie victory.

THORNCOMBE 6
WAYTOWN HOUNDS 3

WAYTOWN Hounds led 3-1 in the 78th minute of Saturday's cup quarter-final at Horseshoe Lane but ultimately crashed out after extra-time.

They took the lead in the first half when Steve Masters headed on to Leigh Hansford who squared the ball across the penalty box and Jon Legg was on hand to tuck it away.

Thorncombe made it 1-1 soon after half-time, but a long range shot from Nat Bowditch put The Hounds back in front.

Legg then raced through to net his second and The Hounds were cruising.

Top-scorer Legg was then unlucky not to complete his hat-rick with a shot that bounced inches wide.

Then, with 12 minutes left on the clock the Thorns pulled one back and then piled the pressure on The Waytown goal.

Their efforts were rewarded by a late equaliser that sent the game to extra time - a cruel blow for the Hounds, who had been the better side for 80 minutes.

Thorncombe had the momentum and edged in front for the first time in extra time before forging ahead and The Hounds could not get back into the game.

Stand-in keeper Dan Dunford did a great job in goal and Masters, who played through illness, was also in great form.

Disappointed Waytown manager Mark Hughes said: "We have been knocked out of three cups this season and each time we have been the better side.

"I was gutted for the team today they really did not deserve that".

Brayan Garrett (2), Aiden Gold (2), Josh Rolfe and Jonny Allen scored for the Thorns.

PREMIER
BEAMINSTER 13 MISTERTON 0

BEAMINSTER took their tally of goals against beleaguered Misterton this season to 38 with a 13-0 mauling at the Memorial Ground.

Striker Josh Hunter clearly enjoys playing against the struggling south Somerset side – he took his personal haul to 17 with five more on Saturday to move up to 29 for the season.

Robin Jones waded in with a hat-trick while Alf Ward, Josh Baker, Gary Correy, Adam Moss and Kieran Hawkins chipped-in with singles as The Rainbows recorded their biggest home win for five and half years since Charmouth were crushed by the same score.

At the other end, outgoing manager Dean Newman donned the gloves in an unfamiliar role between the sticks and got himself a clean sheet.

LYME REGIS RESERVES 0
CREWKERNE TOWN 3

CHAMPIONS-elect Crewkerne took another step towards retaining their crown with what was, in the end, a comfortable win at the Davey Fort on Saturday.

The Tigers didn't have things all their own way in a feisty opening 40 minutes. But once top-scorer Jamie Spurdle broke the deadlock and a second soon after from Adam Manley effectively ended any Lyme hopes of causing an upset.

But before then The Seasiders had had their moments. Rob Condliffe, who put in another hard working shift on his home debut, went close with a header that was tipped over by Crewkerne keeper Matt Bisgrove.

At the other end the talented Spurdle was causing the home defence problems and was narrowly wide three times in the space of 90 seconds.

But he went one better when Jak Flatt picked out ex-Tintinhull striker Manley who fired in a low cross that Spurdle converted from close in.

The killer second arrived a minute before the break when referee Dave Carter dismissed an offside flag and Manley ran through to slot home.

Spurdle completed the scoring in low-key second half in the 52nd minute when he dinked the ball over Lyme keeper Toby Fowler.

Dave John went close to adding a fourth but his near post flick came back off the post, but the Tigers were good value for their win while The Seasiders lacked any creativity in the midfield and were in disarray in the last 20 minutes.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 4
COMBE RESERVES 0

SHEPTON Beauchamp warmed up for Good Friday's Challenge Cup Final against Crewkerne Town with a comprehensive victory over Combe Reserves.

The hosts, who have now kept four clean sheets in a row, led 1-0 at the break when Dan Peach ran half the length of the pitch before calmly slotting home.

George Pugson tapped home number two before Kris Hastings scored the pick of the goals – a sublime lob from all of 30 yards.

The fourth goal was a freak with the ball striking MoM Dougie Whitfield on the back of his head as he turned away from goal!

South Petherton 2
West & Middle Chinnock 0

WITH the title all-but sewn up, Shepton's main rivals for the runners-up spot are now South Petherton who maintained their push with their eighth successive league win.

They made the perfect start when Rich Hebditch netted with just 58 seconds on the clock.

The rest of the first half was close, but Pethy, with both Stuart Witt and Player-Manager Karl Diment striking the woodwork, took control after the interval and Dean Smith made the points safe 15 minutes from time

DIVISION ONE
Lyme Regis Bantams 2
Netherbury 2

NETHERBURY left it right until the death at the Woodroffe School on Saturday - scoring two injury time goals against local rivals Lyme Bantams to snatch a point from what looked like a certain defeat.

The Ambers started brightly and had the hosts defence under pressure early on forcing a succession of corners.

Tom Franklin hit the crossbar, John Kingston then struck a fierce shot just over the bar and some smart defending kept the Ambers at bay.

But it was the Bantams who took the lead in the 40th minute when James Maidment's cross was headed back across goal by Shaun Stewart and Cameron Fowler marked a fine performance by netting with a close range header.

The Seasiders doubled their lead 10 minutes after the interval when a free-kick from MoM Malcolm Darby was once again nodded back into the six-yard box by Stewart to Jason Hawker who bundled the ball home for his 100th PSDL goal, with Netherbury appeals for handball waved away by referee Wayne Ridout.

Lyme went close again in the 80th minute when substitute Stef Taylor set off on a lung-busting solo run before forcing a fine save from Rob Harp in a one-on-one chance.

A injury to Lyme keeper Mark Tozer meant nearly five minutes of added time were played, and with 91 minutes on the clock, Netherbury got a foothold as Ryan Gay forced the ball home from close range.

The Ambers kept pushing and in the last minute a long crossfield ball found Jon-Paul Avery on the right wing and the youngster drilled his shot inside Mark Tozer's near post to square things up at 2-2.

Netherbury Assistant Manager Paul Cuff said "These lads always keep going right to the death and we got a point which I think from our overall play we deserved, although it didn't look likely with 10 minutes to go.

"We could look back this as a vital point at the end of the season." Cuff picked out Avery for his goal, Hart for his vital save and Ryan Gall for his work rate.

A disappointed Bantams joint-manager Darren Poole said: "We are gutted, we just ran out of legs at the end. I think Netherbury expected an easy ride – we certainly didn't give them that."

◆ **TON UP:** Jason Hawker scored his 100th PSDL goal in Lyme Bantams' draw with Netherbury.

Poole picked out Darby, Fowler and Taylor as his top perfromers.

DIVISION TWO
CHARMOUTH P BEAMINSTER RES P

The west Dorset derby-game was postponed with relegation-haunted Charmouth unable to field a side.

ILMINSTER TOWN A 0 DRIMPTON 15

DRIMPTON clinched the Division Two Championship title as the comical scorelines continue to flow in this season's PSDL.

Terry Farrell (5), Murray Legg (3), Nich Murphy (3), Craig Lodge, Paul Richards, Lee Banks and Paul McCormack scored the goals as the hosts goals against column moved into three figures.

DIVISION FOUR
MERRIOTT ROVERS 9 UPLYME RES 1

UPLYME Reserves were the latest team to fall under the Merriott Rovers' steamroller as the hosts clinched the Division Four title on their first season back in the league.

Sam Wooster grabbed the Swallows lonely-looking consolation with his first goal of the season.

Thirty six-goal top-scorer Ashley Cooper bagged a hat-trick and former Lyme Regis midfielder Dan Rudge a double for the Rovers who maintained their 100 per cent record.

RESULTS – Saturday, March 21st
D & E Division Three
Cheriton Fitz 2 Exmouth Town Res 1
Exmouth Amt Res 3 Clyst Vall Res 2
Henry's Cronies 6 Chagford 0
Tedburn St Mary 2 Thorverton Res 1
Exeter Univ 5ths 1 Woodbury 3

SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE CUP - Semi-Final
Locking Park 0 Barrington 4
TOMMY TABBERER CUP QF
Crewkerne Rangers 2 Uplyme 1
Thorncombe 6 Waytown Hounds 3
PREMIER
Beaminster 13 Misterton 0
Lyme Regis Res 0 Crewkerne Town 3
Shepton Beauchamp 4 Combe Res 0
South Petherton 2 W & M Chinnock 0
DIVISION ONE
Lyme Regis Bantams 2 Netherbury 2
Millwey Rise 2 Farway Utd 1
Winsham Utd 2 Luso-Chard 1
DIVISION TWO
Charmouth p Beaminster Reserves p
Crewkerne Res Town 3 Combe A 0
Ilminster Town A 0 Drimpton 15
DIVISION THREE
Barrington Res 3 Millwey Rise Res 1
Hawkchurch 4 Merriott Dynamos 0
Thorncombe Res p S.Petherton Res p
DIVISION FOUR
Combe B 1 Winsham Utd 2
Farway Utd Res 1 Drimpton Res 4
Hinton 5 Crewkerne Rangers Res 2
Merriott Rovers 9 Uplyme Reserves 1

PSDL top scorers
PREMIER
Jamie Spurdle (Crewkerne Town) 35,
Josh Hunter (Beaminster) 29,
Dan Smith (Shepton Beauchamp) 27,
Liam Riste (Crewkerne Town) 23,
Rich Hebditch (South Petherton) 21,
Mark Cawley (W & M Chinnock) & Adam Dawe (Crewkerne Town) both 19.

DIVISION ONE
Andy Whitefield (Barrington) 40,
Guy Dare (Barrington) 27,
Tom Perry (Barrington) 17.

DIVISION TWO
Terry Farrell (Drimpton) 31,
Bryan Garrett (Thorncombe) 24,
Paul Gold (Crewkerne Town Res) 19,
John Legg (Waytown Hounds) & Warren Gabbidon (Thorncombe) both 18,

DIVISION THREE
Liam Male (Chard Utd Res) 29.
Andy Dymond (Hawkchurch Utd) 18,
Jamie Brown (Chard Utd Res) 17.

DIVISION FOUR
Ashley Cooper (Merriott Rovers) 36.
Ken Forbes (Hinton) 19,
Graham Cleal (Combe B) 18,
Ross Jewell (Hinton) 17.

FIXTURES – Saturday, March 28th
D & E Division Three (3pm ko's)
Axmouth Utd v Woodbury
Cheriton Fitzpaine v Thorverton Res
Exmouth Amateurs Res v Lyme Regis
Henry's Cronies v Pinhoe
Tedburn St Mary v Exmouth Tn Res
Exeter University 5ths v Chagford

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
(League games 2.30ko, cups 2pm)
KENNY HODGES CUP SF
Combe B v Chard Utd Allstars
Hinton v Crewkerne Rangers Reserves
JACK VENN CUP QF
Beaminster Reserves v Thorncombe
Charmouth v Drimpton
Crewkerne Rangers v Uplyme
Waytown Hounds v Crewkerne Res
PREMIER
Crewkerne Town v Beaminster
Lyme Regis Res v South Petherton
Perry Street v Misterton
W & M Chinnock v Ilminster Colts
DIVISION ONE
Farway Utd v Netherbury
Forton Rangers v Winsham Utd
Luso-Chard v Lyme Bantams
Pymore v Barrington
DIVISION THREE
Chard Rangers v Shepton Beau Res
Hawkchurch Utd v Kingsbury Episc
Merriott Dyn v Dowlish & Donyatt
Thorncombe Res v Chard Utd Res
DIVISION FOUR
Uplyme Res v Chard Utd Allstars

As they stand

Toolstation Prem	Pld	GD	Pts
Melksham Town	30	43	64
Odd Down	30	24	54
Bradford Town	29	21	53
Buckland Athletic	26	32	51
Bristol Manor Fm	29	24	51
Shepton Mallet	30	7	51
Slimbridge	28	11	49
Bitton	30	11	47
Willand Rovers	26	15	46
Brislington	31	14	45
Sherborne Town	29	10	41
Street	32	2	41
Longwell Green	32	-15	37
Cadbury Heath	29	-15	36
BRIDPORT	30	-20	35
Gillingham Town	29	-5	31
Hallen	32	-24	30
Winterbourne Utd	32	-40	25
Bishops Sutton	32	-95	14

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Merley Cobham	27	49	68
Hamworthy Rec.	25	56	62
PORTLAND UTD	26	50	61
WEYMOUTH RES	27	34	57
Parley Sports	29	27	54
Mere Town	29	22	47
Shaftesbury Town	25	11	46
Westland Sports	29	12	45
Wareham Rangers	27	7	45
Sherborne Res	28	7	41
Blandford Utd	31	-14	37
BRIDPORT RES	24	-3	33
Swanage & Herst	25	-1	29*
Cranborne	31	-47	24
Tintinhull	30	-41	22
Poole Borough	30	-46	17*
Hamwthy Utd Res	27	-45	16*
Sturm' Marshall	30	-78	13

D & E Div Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Henry's Cronies	19	64	48
Exmouth Tn Res	22	46	47
LYME REGIS	20	61	43
Chagford	24	19	41
Woodbury	21	19	40
Exeter Univ 5ths	19	6	34
Cheriton Fitzp	20	2	28
Clyst Valley Res	24	-23	25
Tedburn St Mary	16	-14	21
Exmouth Amt Res	21	-34	18
Axmouth Utd	19	-20	16
Thorverton Res	20	-34	16
Axminster Res	22	-44	16*
Pinhoe	23	-48	15

Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Crewkerne Town	13	57	39
South Petherton	16	46	37
Shepton Beauch	16	44	35
Perry Street	17	26	32
W & M Chinnock	17	18	30
BEAMINSTER	15	39	21
Combe Res	17	14	19
LYME REGIS RES	16	-19	15
Misterton (R)	16	-123	7
Ilminster Colts (R)	17	-102	0

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington (C)	14	65	42
Millwey Rise	17	23	38
Winsham Utd	16	12	29
NETHERBURY	14	14	27
LYME BANTAMS	16	-11	21
Chard Utd	16	3	20
Forton Rangers	15	-3	19
Luso-Chard	17	-32	12
PYMORE	14	-18	8
Farway Utd	13	-53	3

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
DRIMPTON (C)	16	76	44
Thorncombe	16	34	35
Crewkerne Res	14	11	29
WAYTOWN HNDS	15	19	28
Crewk Rangers	16	-6	23
BEAMINSTER RES	16	-10	17
Combe A	18	-15	17
UPLYME	13	9	15*
CHARMOUTH	16	-23	12*
Ilminster A (R)	16	-95	-2*

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chard Utd Res	17	25	38
Kingsbury Episc	17	28	34
Barrington Res	16	16	32*
Hawkchurch Utd	14	26	28
Chard Rangers	15	-1	24
Thorncombe Res	17	-13	20
S.Petherton Res	17	-10	19
Dowlish & Donyatt	16	-5	16*
Merriott Dynamos	15	-10	14
Shepton Beau Res	16	-15	14
Millwey Rise Res	18	-41	10*

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Merriott Rovers (C)	14	89	42
Combe B	15	27	32
Hinton St George	14	24	29
Winsham Utd Res	15	8	27
Crewk Rangers Res	16	3	21
DRIMPTON RES	16	-2	19
UPLYME RES	15	-26	15
Chard Rangers Res	15	-31	15
Farway Utd Res	13	-19	12
Chard Utd AllStars	15	-73	4

***= Pts deducted**
(Assuming 2up/2down)

Lyme Skittles

LADIES	P	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobblers	11	22	16
Smashers	13	19	9
Rollercoasters	13	13	14
Hot Gossips	10	12	10
Wild Pins	11	10	10
La Crème	12	8	16
Just us	13	8	13
Generations	13	4	10

MENS DIV ONE	P	Pts	BL
No Hopers	12	18	15
Marksmen	12	16	15
Young Guns	13	15	14
Anthill Mob	12	13	16
Clueless	13	13	7
Skippy's Six	13	10	10
Tornadoes	12	10	10
Flyers	12	9	9
Roadrunners	13	8	10

MENS DIV TWO	P	Pts	BL
Miscellaneous	13	16	17
Rousdon Rebels	12	16	18
Trappers	12	16	7
Alleytwits	13	14	7
Wreckers	13	14	17
President's Men	11	12	13
Shakers	11	8	8
Skittle Me Timbers	9	6	8
British Legion	12	2	8

Top score of teh week: Gerry Bearpark 83.

Results still to be added; Wild Pins v Hot Gossips (02/02/15), Wootton Wobblers v Hot Gossips (23/02/15), La Creme v Hot Gossips (16/03/15), Wootton Wobblers v Wild Pins (16/03/15), British Legion v Skittle Me Timbers (22/10/14), Skittle Me Timbers v President's Men (29/10/14), Skittle Me Timbers v Shakers (04/03/15) - game to be re-arranged by League committee.

Upcoming cup fixtures;
Monday, March 30th
Ladies Singles (Wootton Club); Heather Kitcher, Mary Marchant, Anna Bearpark, Sharon Churchill, Sarah Light, Tracey Chapman, Joyce White, Elaine Bearpark, Ros Parsons, Lisa Taylor, Di Rickard, Jenni West, Emma Blackmore.

Wednesday, April 1st
Denis Parsons
Men's Singles
Ship Inn; T Tozer, A Rattenbury, J Fry, P Hodder, C Flux, T Holmes, K Trott, J Stamp, J Hunt, J Lee, G Gibbs, R Tucker, K Pratt, P Bright, L Hodder.
Pilot Boat; M Croad, K Bearpark, P Liston, R Emm, P Rattenbury, D Rowe, C Wrixon, T Mayers, C Marchant, R Bevis, M Bearpark, I Lock, B Kendrick, A Trott, L Dare.

Youth football

Six-hit Seasiders

Lyme Regis U15 6 Broadstone 2

LYME Regis Under 15s turned on the style at the Davey Fort on Sunday with goals from Robbie Fowler, Ben Prosser, Jonny Day, Finlay McLean, Neo Sydenham and Alfie Collins.

But the **Lyme Regis under 12s** went down 10-1 at Anning Road against COLYTON - Connot Tate score the consolation goal.

Hockey

Hawks struggle but A team finish in style

BOTH West Dorset hockey teams finished their season on Saturday with victories, but both narrowly missed out on promotion.

The Hawks struggled to beat bottom side Truro B and finished fourth in Southern 2 following promotion last season.

West Dorset A finished in a three-way tie on points for second place in South East 2. However, Ashmoor's superior goal difference meant the Hawks finished third.

West Dorset Hawks 1 Truro B 0

HAWKS made heavy weather of despatching bottom side Truro B who only had nine players.

However they did have a goalkeeper in magnificent form. Despite only having played in goal twice before, he pulled off a string of brilliant saves to frustrate the hosts.

Such was the Hawks superiority that keeper Tom Lowe was virtually redundant as Hawks battered Truro's goal in which they hit the post four times.

At half time with the game still goalless, doubts started to enter the Hawks minds that it might not be their day, but eventually they scored as Mike Thompson delivered the goods with a cracking reverse stick shot.

Captain Rick Dormor said: "On another day we could have won 10-0 and I don't think Truro would have complained.

"The Truro goalkeeper was the man of the match, but Robin Goodfellow deserves a special mention for his steadfast resistance.

"As this was the last game this season and my last game as captain, I would like to thank the whole club, and especially the first team squad, for being so much fun to play with.

"The main reason for our success is that we have a good squad, so that if players can't play one week we always have others that can still play at the standard required."

***Hawks**: T.Lowe; C.Davies, J.May, R. Puzey, R.Goodfellow; D.Wyatt, A.Davies, M.Thompson, J.Bowditch, R.Dormor; R.Coombes.*

Late spree not enough

Sidmth & Ottery D 1 West Dorset A 9

THE forfeit of two matches in recent weeks to promotion rivals North Devon A and Ashmoor A virtually dashed West Dorset A's hopes, but a win against bottom side Sidmouth & Ottery Dcould still keep their slim chances alive.

They took the lead when John Kellas lobbed the keeper within the first minute which set the pattern for the rest of the first half with the visitors camped in their opponents half.

Kellas scored a couple more goals to complete a first half hat-trick with a flicked goal following a short corner routine, before Henry Middleton made it 4-0 at halftime with a tap in following good work from Andrew Frampton.

Despite controlling the match and leading, West Dorset were feeling aggrieved at the number of questionable umpiring decisions that were going against them.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the first. The visitors increased the lead when Kellas scored his fourth and Darren Cook scored his first goal for the team when he slotted home home at the back post after a couple of short corners were not cleared.

The home side did create the odd chance, on one particular occasion veteran keeper Mike May was called upon to dive and brilliantly tip the ball around the post with his stick.

Sidmouth did manage to score their only goal of the game when a shot was stopped by Middleton's stick but the ball dropped onto his foot.

The umpires awarded a penalty flick and not a short corner - despite the ball appearing to be heading wide of the goal – and the hosts' scored a consolation. But West Dorset added further goals through Frampton and Alex Drew to make the final score 9-1.

Unfortunately, Ashmoor won to take the second promotion spot with a superior goal difference.

Beaminster hunt for second

Blandford & Sturm Newton 2nd 1 Beaminster 3

BEAMINSTER overcame determined opponents to enhance their chances of finishing runners-up in Channel Division One.

Unusually they started slowly, and the hosts desperate for points had the upperhand in the opening minutes forcing a couple of short corners.

Yhey forced their way into the game, but with both sides looking to force a win for different reasons, the game became scrappy and disjoined.

Beaminster took the lead on 20 minutes following an error in the home defence. A ball played across the D was cut out by Bella Foot who fired into the top of the net.

This settled the West Dorset side, they doubled their lead before the break with a well worked team goal. Good interplay between Julia May, Foot and Andrea Prentice found Megan Tuck who scored with a clever reverse stick shot.

The second half saw Beaminster seal the points with a goal ten minutes from time when Prentice's shot was saved but Hannah Dale reacted quickest to score.

With nothing to lose, B&SN threw the kitchen sink at Beaminster and were rewarded with virtually the last move of the game when a shot was diverted by a home stick into the top corner.

Salisbury 3rds are now out of the running having lost to champions Yeovil & Sherborne 2nds but they could help Beaminster if they can defeat Bournemouth 3rds this Saturday which would leave Beaminster only needing a point in their last match against relegated Gillingham 2nds.

***Beaminster**: L.Condliffe; J.Clarke; G.Simmonds, J.May, T.Critchard; C.Pearson; B.Foot, A.Prentice, I.Garcia; M.Tuck, P.Stewart, H.Dale.*

Lyme Golf

Super Seed

IN the March Stableford George Seed stormed to a three-point victory in Division One scoring an impressive 40 points off a handicap of 2.

Simon Vincent (37 points) came second with Keith Gibson 3rd on 36.

Division 2 was much tighter as Steve Piper just pipped Malcolm Wilson on countback, both with 38 points, and David Binns was 3rd with 36.

In the midweek stableford Stephen Buxton kept two juniors at bay by scoring 38 points to win ahead Stuart Wight (36) and George Seed (35).

The Ladies flag competition, which entails going as far round the course using your handicapped shots, was won by Di Smith

The junior stableford saw three new names on the leaderboard as Ben Prosser powered to victory with 43 points, Oliver Pennington, (40) came 2nd from Jonathan Day 3rd with 36.

Rugby

Solid performance leads to local-derby victory

Bridport 36 Dorchester 2nd 14

BRIDPORT made it four wins on the trot as they moved up to sixth place in Dorset & Wilts Two (S), with 11 victories and eight defeats this season and having scored and conceded 413 points in neat symmetry.

This eagerly awaited fixture followed the Vice-President's lunch with many of paricipants staying on to add their vocal support. They were rewarded with one of Bridport's best displays of the season.

The hosts were first onto the scoreboard. Winger Lee Burdett was forced into touch eight metres from Dorchester's try line, Daragh Mcloughlin rose to claim the resulting throw in, and powered over for the try.

Rory Greening, on excellent kicking form all afternoon, added the conversion, and three further points for a penalty shortly afterwards.

Bridport were then guilty of some indifferent defending, failing to secure the ball and allowing Dorchester to hack downfield and score.

The visiting kicker nailed a difficult conversion into a stiff breeze and the visitors were back in the game at 10-7.

However, good footballing skills at the other end saw Man of the Match Joe Hewetson dribble the ball over the line to score as the referee played advantage for a Dorchester knock-on.

Greening was unable to add the conversion, but used the strong wind to land two more long-range penalties before half-time to see Bridport leading 21–7.

The second half started with another penalty, as scrum-half Dave Cutting harried his opposite number into another indiscretion.

At 24–7 though, Bridport were perhaps a little complacent and Dorchester enjoyed a good period of pressure which eventually resulted in a try and conversion.

A penalty in front of the posts gifted the visitors another three points, and at 24–17 the game was nicely set up.

From a maul, Bridport then produced their best move of the game as the ball sped faultlessly along the back line to end up in the hands of winger James Young, who finished with great pace in the corner. The conversion went wide.

There was one further score as fly-half Will Everitt sent a perfectly weighted kick down-field to end up just short of the whitewash.

His opposite number was first to the ball but failed to control it, and following up, Everitt had only to pick up the ball and place it over the line.

Greening added two more points, and so the final result ended up a convincing 36–14 victory to the Blues.

Next weekend they travel to East Dorset, who have not lost a game all season.

Under 12s miss out on final

BRIDPORT just missed out on a place in the final of the Dorset Rugby Festival by virtue of not scoring as many tries as Wimborne after the sides drew their last round robin game.

Bridport dominated the forward play in both set-piece and the loose, the backs were fed quick ball allowing the raw speed of Finlay Shoemark to score two tries that sealed the first victory.

Two further wins against Swans and Blandford, and a defeat to Oakmedians, set up the perfect scenario for the last game, where a win against Wimborne would see them through to the finals.

Deep into the second half there was still no score, setting up a nervous last three minutes.

With a charged down kick Wimborne broke through and scored a try. However, with no time to los, Bridport, with a quick kick off and a line-out, piled on the pressure with a rolling maul.

The backs joined in five metres out and rolled up to the try line before a dart from captain Callum Fowler saw him cross the line to score.

The draw meant both sides finished overall joint second. Unfortunately, the rules meant that on the total tries scored on the day Wimborne claimed their place in the final.

◆ **MY BALL:** Daragh Mcloughlin (blue shirt) powers over for Bridport's first try despite the attention of three hangers-on. ***Photo by MARK PERKIN***

Bridport U11 15 Exeter Chiefs 35

BRIDPORT played two 20 minute games against one of the strongest teams in East Devon.

After tense forward play and probing attacks from both sides Exeter powered through to touch down on the stroke of half-time.

A spirited response by Bridport held the visitors at bay and on two occasions only last chance tackles stopped a Bridport score, but the pressure told and Exeter scored twice in the dying seconds to win the game three tries to nil.

The second game was a completely different story with Bridport's Captain George Found powering through for a well-deserved opening try.

Toby Gale, the Blues' man of the match, pulled off a thunderous tackle to save a certain try, but elsewhere the opposing backs scored four tries within a five minute spell.

But there is spirit in this Bridport squad and two tries by Will Moore took the final score to 4-3.

Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures:
Portman Handicap Cup
4th Round
Monday, March 30th
Brandy Snaps v Hidden Talent (6).
Tuesday, March 31st
Whisky Chasers (18) v Lively Lads, Bulldogs v Yo Yo's (23).
Wednesday April 1st
Nelson Nobblers v Pioneers (19).

Nomination Cup
Semi-Final
Wednesday, April 1st
Bradpole Club: Shipfaced v Rejects.
Thursday, April 2nd
Tiger: Wanderers v Countrymen.

Mens Pairs - 4th Round
Tuesday, March 31st
Shave Cross: L Dare & C Barnes; C Willcox & N Willcox; A Paulley & R Frampton; N Pye & A Huxter; D Cooper & R Pincombe; M. Horton & I Pincombe; S Pitcher & A Cauldwell; D Cowburn & G Hyett.

Ladies Threes Final
Wednesday, April 1st
Loders Arms: Yondover Three; Middle Talent; 3H's; Brandy Snaps.

Good start for Lyme Gig Club

LYME Regis Gig Rowing Club have been working very hard during their winter training sessions in preparation for the 2015 CPGA racing season which started on Saturday, March 14th at the Caradon Gig Racing Club in Saltash with the **Caradon Three River Race**, a challenging six-mile endurance race.

Over three times the distance of a typical Regatta race, the competing teams completed the course in anything from a little under an hour, to just over an hour and 20 minutes.

The individual races for Ladies and Men line up at the start line under the historic Tamar Bridge and were released in a series of heats at the drop of the starter`s flag, with their finishing times recorded and listed at the end of each heat.

Both of Lyme`s Ladies teams got off to a good start. The A team completed the course in an impressive 01:07:09 with the B team in hot pursuit, posting a time of 01:08:34.

The Men`s teams also had a hard race, with the A team in a battle with neighbours Bridport and completed their race in an impressive 00:53:41 with the B team fighting off almost all of the other boats in their heat to record a time of 00:56:53.

With 68 boats taking part, a midfield finish for Lyme Regis was a credible result against stiff competition.

The next challenge is the CPGA World Championships on the Isles of Scilly, held over the May Bank Holiday.

The youth and junior sections are now progressing well, thanks to Kerry Maguire.

You can follow their progress by following `Lyme Regis Gig Club` on Facebook.

Bees news

WITH STUART BROOM

Annetts looks to integrate talented youth teamers

LAST week Bridport Football Club announced that current manager Robin Townsend would be standing down at the end of this season, and that joint assistant manager Shaun Annetts would replace him.

As reported last week, the former Beaminster goalkeeper and manager, will be looking to mend the links with the town's youth set-up to encourage the older youth players to move into senior football.

With good connections with local senior clubs, and some of the youth teams, he is seen as the ideal person to initiate that link with the football club.

He said: "I've really enjoyed helping Robin this last two years and think he has done a very good job in not always easy circumstances. I'm sorry he's stepping down, but am looking forward to taking the reins once the season finishes, and am grateful to Trevor (Senior), the club's committee, Robin and Mark Lock for showing me their support for next season."

Annetts' aim is to rebuild the bridges and integrate the talented youth available into Bridport Football Club.

"That's not only my aim, both Trevor and the club's committee would also like this to happen, but I will need support from other people and I'm sure I'm going to get that.

"It's obvious the links have to be improved and ideally there needs to be a system where youth players are introduced into the senior sides when available."

"The relationship between Bridport Football Club and the town's youth teams hasn't been too good of late, I believe that the link between the two needs to be much greater; and I'm going to give it my best to make this happen.

"It's a no-brainer really that players from the town's youth set-up get the opportunity to play for our senior Bridport sides, I realise that not everyone can be accommodated in the reserves, but hopefully some will.

"However, not all the players will want, or be able, to play at Bridport's level and it will be my job to help those players find a suitable club to play for.

"It's something I'm happy to do, and intend to start that process during the summer and through the next season. I think it's part of my role to make sure the youth side of things helps our club as much as possible.

"We've only had a couple of lads step up in the last few years.

"I think it's hugely disappointing that there has not been more, so that needs to be improved."

ready to step-up

He added: "The under 18s team coached by Terry Warren may finish playing together at the end of this season and there are some talented lads in that side, some of who could play at DPL level already - it's up to me to persuade them to come along and give Bridport a try this summer.

"Gus Parkman also has some good players in the Under 16s, and next year's Under 16s run by Mark Scadding and Lee Cuff is full of talented players, so the future is certainly very bright and it's my job to help the two organisations work together. It's going to take a bit of work and effort, but it's something that I believe has to be done.

"I already know a number of youth team coaches and, having seen the U15s, 16s and 18s play this year, a lot of credit has to go to the coaches who have done a fantastic job in developing the players.

"Too many coaches these days are only interested in winning and not coaching the players with their long-term development in mind - fortunately that's not the case in Bridport's youth set-up.

Looking at the current situation within the reserves Annetts said: "They're are a great bunch of talented lads who I've enjoyed working with, but I believe that the team needs a freshen up, and we need to introduce a few new faces in the summer as well as some youth team players."

As reported last week Annetts confirmed that, besides Lock who will continue as assistant manager, he has approached experienced striker Simon Gale, who is just returning from eight months out with an ankle injury, to assist him.

"I think he will be invaluable with his long association with the club, he's going to see how the rest of the season goes with his recovery and will come back with his decision, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

"Also I hope to have one or two more to help with training sessions and match days."

Bees boss Trevor Senior paid tribute to outgoing reserve team manager Townsend.

"I would like to thank Robin for all his hard work in a difficult job supporting a first team.

trophy for 'Towner'

"From day one he has been very supportive to me and was always there to help the first team by supplying players at the expense of his team to make sure we were strong. I wish him all the best and it would be great if the reserves can win the Dorset Senior Trophy as a great send off for him."

On Annetts' appointment Townsend commented: "I believe that Shaun who has much better links with the youth set-up, can help the process of bringing younger players through, and I wish him and Mark Lock all the best for the future.

"They have been very supportive of me and if I can help, when required, I will still be happy to oblige."

Forgettable game, but Bees happy with point

Swanage Town & Herston 0
Bridport Reserves 0

MANAGER Robin Townsend was pleased with a point at Days Park on Saturday considering the circumstances.

On a poor, bobbly pitch with a strong swirly wind, both sides found it hard to play any decent football.

Against the elements in the first half, Bridport defended well, limiting the Swans to three or four half chances.

Bridport tried to pass it around in the second half, but such were the conditions that they finally resorted to getting the ball into the final third as quickly as possible and working from there.

Although they also created a handful of half chances there was nothing really clear-cut.

Townsend said: "The pitch was probably the worse we have seen this season, and dictated the play.

"They (Swange) had the better of the first half without really troubling us, whilst we were the better after the break, and a draw was about right."

"I thought we defended quite well with Tom Fouracre, who grew into the game and Sam Day both having good games."

School Sports

Woodroffe Under15s cricketers land third place

FOR the fifth year in succession Woodroffe Girls Under 15 represented West Dorset in the recent Dorset County Girls Indoor Cricket Finals finals held at Canford School.

The day got off to a disastrous start when they suffered a batting collapse against Bournemouth School for Girls and were all out for a paltry 16 runs. In the six-a-side format it was vital to come out in the second half and take wickets, and hopes were raised when Ella Merritt took a fine catch from her own bowling with her second ball. Jess Jeffries then followed up by taking a wicket in her first over with the score on eight, but the experienced BSG batsmen stood firm and went on to win easily.

Against Avonbourne, Woodroffe won the toss and bowled first and restricted the opposition to 67 for three. A better batting performance was called for, and Ella Rapley (20) and Pippa Mostyn (15) responded to see the Lyme school home.

In the third game Woodroffe were asked to bat by Queen Elizabeth School, Wimborne and they struggled at first losing wickets cheaply, but then Mostyn (18), supported by Merritt and Jeffries steadied the ship to reach a final score of 74.

The QE batsmen started confidently but were checked by some fine fielding from Bencharat Moxham and Izzy Minshall behind the stumps which resulted in two run outs and fell 10 short of their target.

The final game brought Woodroffe up against old rivals Parkstone to decide second place in the tournament, as BSG had remained undefeated.

Once again Woodroffe fielded first and although Rapley, Pearce, Mostyn and Jeffries all took wickets, the Parkstone reached 92.

Undeterred, the girls batted with increased confidence and aggression but they ended four runs short and had to settle for third place.

◆ TOP THREE IN COUNTY: The Woodroffe U15 girls

Bridport & WD Indoor Bowls

Tea-riffic fightback

BRIDPORT won their four-rink home mixed friendly against Dorchester 79-70 overall, but only after a terrific fight back.

The visitors hit an early hot streak to lead 22-3 after five ends, and still had a 34-21 lead at the tea interval.

However, rejuvenated by a cuppa at the break, Bridport were a different side after with Nova Varney, Brian Baker, Robin Pither and David Aylott stealing the show. From 6-8 down they rattled in 16 shots without reply to lead 22-8 before finally winning 24-12; Aylott being Bridport's top player on the day.

Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, Peter Varney and Mel Hargett had a real battle royal. From 3-9 down they shot into a 20-11 lead, before their opponents finished 2,1,6 to draw 20-20.

Beryl Stork, Pat and Roger Cowmeadow and Barry Mapson won the last four ends by a single shot each but were pipped 15-16, whilst Sandra Hargett, Penny Pither, Gerry Moss and Mike Craddock were 7-0 down after five ends, and 18-10 down after 15.

Scores of 1,4 and 5 took them into a 20-18 lead before a final twist saw their opponents finish 1,1,2 to win 22-20.

Bridport Ladies County Cup Knockout semi-final match against DORCHESTER ended in dramatic fashion.

Francis Hewett, Pat Cornick, Jan Tattershall and Margaret Clapp won away by eight, but the match hinged on the last end at Bridport, where Lyn Craddock, Laura Taylor, Millie Meech and Sue Walsh dropped a three count to leave Dorchester one up overall and heartbreak for Bridport.

Barracudas celebrate fantastic season

BRIDPORT Barracudas celebrated a fantastic season culminating with their presentation evening recently.

Dan Dew was appointed Head Coach last year and, with the help and guidance of Chris Beale, has seen a rise in the number of swimmers gaining invitations to attend the County Championships where some Barracudas set regional qualifying times.

◆ WELL DONE: Harry Stewart displays his trophies

In this year's Club Championships the swimmers achieved 62 club best times, 266 personal best's and 142 new times were set.

Among those that received awards were Jack Turner (Most first places in the Club Championship and Most Improved Swimmer),

Craig Horton (Senior Best Breaststroke), Henry (Head Coaches Trophy for Most Promising Swimmer).

A cup given and presented by Mary Rousell to Jack Bradley for his hard work and endeavours during the year.

If anybody is interested in joining Barracudas please go to the website www.bridportbarracudas.co.uk or email Dan Dew at dnl_dew@yahoo.co.uk.

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	18	32
Knapp Inn	19	24
Robs Robbers	19	24
Nomads	18	23
Outsiders	18	19
Hands of Time	18	17
Nags Head A	18	16
Rubber Johns	18	15
It's in the Middle	18	14
The Hitmen	18	13
One for the Vikings	18	3

180s leaders: Tony Young & Sam Legg both x8, Terry Prowse x6, Mark Fisher x5, six players all x4, six players x3.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	17	29
Odds or Us	17	24
Elders	16	21
Dat Team	16	21
Les Miserables	16	19
Poachers	16	15
Royal Hawks	16	13
Anchor Vale Viewers	17	11
Flashes Fives	16	7
The Surgeons	17	4

180s leaders: Andy Reid & P.Rowley both x4, Robin Townsend x3, six players all x2, eight players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Midnight Runners	17	23
Otter Rotters	17	23
Time Bombs	17	23
Inbetweeners	16	19
Anchor Five	16	18
Mis Fit	16	17
Only Just	17	14
The Royal Nuts	16	12
Odds & Sods	16	8
Tip Top Odds	16	7

180s leaders: Chris Eaton, Andre Reynolds & Paul Bearpark all x3, James Crabb x2, eight players x1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
No Direction	16	23
Robbie's Rebels	16	23
Tiger Bees	16	22
Dodgers	17	21
Sorted Odds	18	20
Whamo	16	19
Con Artists	16	15
Mozzies Heroes	17	10
Red Arrows	18	8
Money Shotz Mafia	18	7

180s leaders: Billy Hallett, Paul Norman, J.Hunter, Dan Rawlings, Bob Rendell, Fran Potter & Andy Page (all x1).

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap	22	36
Anchor Aces	22	32
Clocking In	22	30
Knight 'n' Gals	23	28
Queen Bees	23	21
Against the Odds	23	17
Queenies of the Club	22	8
Cliff Hangers	23	6

180s: Sarah Chick x4, Janet Collins & Tina Dawe both x2, Sharon Poole, Liz Vowells & Sue Violet all x1.

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Sue's Rebels	20	32
Castaways	21	32
Tracey's Tarts	21	27
Next Door	20	22
Wildcats	20	20
Good Mates	20	16
Anchors Aweigh	20	16
Tiger Stripes	21	13
Charlie's Angels	21	6

180s leaders: L.Sweet x1

Lyme Darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	18	35
Nags Head A	18	33
Nags Z	17	24
Rockpoint	16	24
Janners	17	18
Talbot Arms	17	16
Four Play	18	16
Royal Standard	17	14
Hunters Lodge	17	12
Cobb Arms	17	10
George	18	6
Half an Octopus	18	0

180s: Terry Prowse x10, Mark Barnett x5, Wayne Doble x4, R.Cross x3, Matt Brotherton & Chris Higgs x2, seven players x1.

Short Mat Bowls

Axe Valley A/n D2	Pd	+/-	Pts
Chard B	9	174	13
St Teresa's	9	163	12
Hemyock	9	151	11
LYME REGIS	19	-44	11
Musbury	10	-47	11
Combe St Nic A	10	-186	6
Seaton Cliff A	10	-211	6

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INSIDE: Bridport RFC on top in derby game

Bees beaten by late Bradford hat-trick

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FOR the fourth consecutive week, Bridport failed to find the net as Bradford Town enhanced their chance of a top three finish by scoring three goals in the last eight minutes.

Having defended against a strong wind in the first half and limiting their opponents to just a couple of half chances, Bridport were expected to take advantage of the elements after the break and secure their first win in ten games.

However, it was the visitors who found their shooting boots in the final minutes to leave Bees manager Trevor Senior once again scratching his head,

"I thought we played well and were slightly the better side in the first half but once again we didn't create too many clear cut chances.

"I couldn't have a go at half time because they worked hard and Matt Morley was getting a lot of ball down the right hand side and he had one good effort that the keeper saved after a fine run."

Bradford almost took the lead on ten minutes when Sam Jordan picked up a through ball, but his shot rattled the post.

Tom Richardson had the Bees other good first half chance but put his header at the far post wide, whilst keeper Ashley Weeks had a couple of saves to make in the Bees goal.

The second half produced a little more action with Josh Ferguson and Martin Johnson going close for the visitors.

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Jamie Filkins came closest for the Bees, but, with the game seemingly heading for stalemate and a point apiece, things changed quickly as, with ten minutes left, Weeks had to save twice from Twaine Plummer in quick succession.

Two minutes later Bradford were ahead when Jordan fired in a fierce shot from a cut back that Weeks got his fingers to but could not stop.

With Bridport still in with a chance of an equaliser, a poor Dan Wise corner saw Bradford sweep upfield leaving one Bridport defender against four forwards and Plummer fed Jordan to a second deciding goal.

With the game in added time, the salt was rubbed into the wound when Jordan once again raced away and set up Dexter Chipeni for a third.

Reviewing the second half, the former Reading striker said: "In the second half they grew into the game and looked the better side, and as often happens when you have the wind in your favour as we did, it doesn't always work out.

"We didn't get the ball wide as much and didn't get any decent service to the front men, and Matt Morley, who was our main outlet in the first half wasn't get much of the ball.

"Also once again our choice of pass or cross left a bit to be desired throughout the match.

"I thought perhaps the guy might have been a shade offside in the build up to the first goal, but having said that in the last 20 minutes of the game Ashley had to make some good saves which earned him the man of the match award which suggests they deserved to win."

"Three-nil looks like a hammering but we weren't as bad as the score suggests, but they are third in the league and playing with confidence and ours is low at the moment."

Bottom of the table	Pld	F	A	+/-	Pts
Street	32	59	57	2	41
Longwell Green	32	45	60	-15	37
Cadbury Heath	29	55	70	-15	36
BRIDPORT	30	33	53	-20	35
Gillingham Town	29	51	56	-5	31
Hallen	32	40	64	-24	30
Winterbourne Utd	32	46	86	-40	25
Bishops Sutton	32	29	124	-95	14

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